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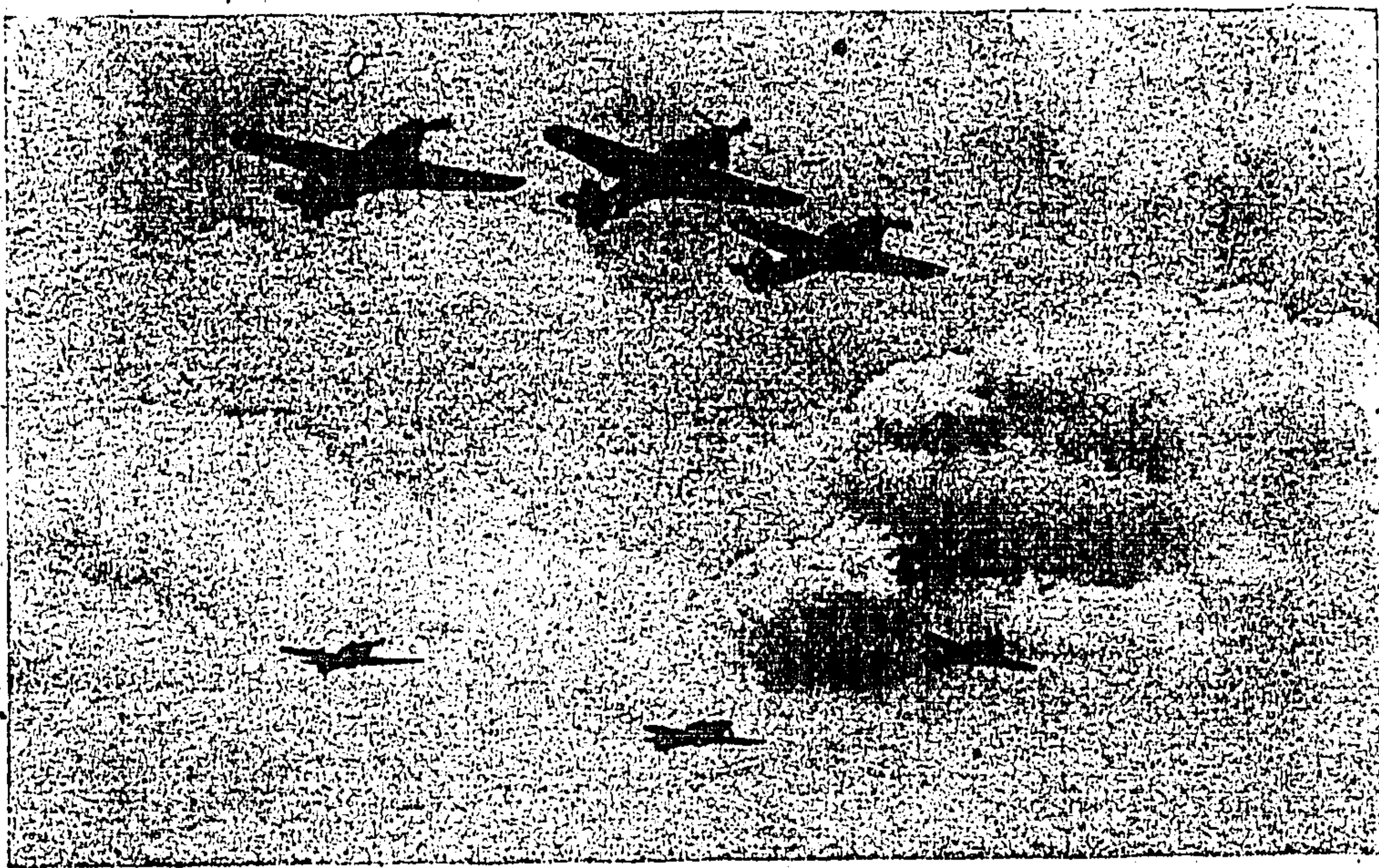
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BATTLE OF LONDON

Few Daylight Raiders Get Through Yesterday Nearly Fifty Shot Down



Royal Air Force fighter planes returning from a great air battle in triumph. (Air Mail. Copyright.)

AN AIR MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY COMMUNIQUE ON THE RAIDS STATES ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY YESTERDAY WAS MAINLY CONFINED TO THE SOUTH-EASTERN AREA.

Formations of enemy aircraft crossed the coast of Kent on several occasions during the day and spread inland towards London and the Thames Estuary.

Few of them reached London and no bombs are reported to have been dropped in this area.

A number of bombs were dropped, mainly nearly the Thames Estuary, but damage appears to have been caused mainly to dwelling houses and the number of casualties reported is small, though they include some fatally injured.

The enemy have been continuously attacked by our fighters and A.A. guns throughout the day.

Preliminary reports show that 42 enemy aircraft have been destroyed in these engagements, one of them by A.A. fire. Nine of our fighters were lost but the pilots of five of them are safe.

for a quarter of an hour flying at about 20,000 feet. In a short while miles of the sky were covered with white streaks from the exhaust fumes. Later these streaks became intricately weaved as the Germans were engaged by British fighters. — Reuter.

Later. Forty-six enemy aircraft were destroyed yesterday up to 9 p.m. (G.M.T.) it was learned from an authoritative source in London. — Reuter.

HITLER SPUR FOR IN DUCE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, has arrived in Rome for consultation with the Italians in connection with "the present stage of military operations." He will remain in Rome for two days.

In his conversations with Mussolini and Ciano, Ribbentrop, it is understood, will particularly discuss the military operations in Egypt and the Nazi drive against Britain.

The Italian press is giving wide prominence to the talks, and the belief is expressed that the "whole panorama" will be covered, including the situation in French Morocco and in Syria.

Italo-German "economic exchanges" will be discussed. Italy is grateful for the flow of coal from Germany but needs more iron.

The Balkans and Soviet Russia will also be discussed.

According to a high Fascist official, any possibility of abrogating the Anti-Comintern Pact is excluded. — Havas.

NIGHT RAIDERS TURNED BACK

An Air Ministry communique issued in London early this morning says enemy aircraft approached the coast but were turned back some distance away. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-east winds, fresh; fair generally.

GERMANY ABANDONING PRETENCE?

The German official news agency, which earlier yesterday claimed that bombs were dropped the previous night on "targets of military importance," does not now try to hide Germany's deliberate bombing of civilians.

This agency now claims that the "Luftwaffe destroyed entire residential districts in eastern London." — Reuter.

DOOMED BATTALION RESTIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Trouble again flared up in the internment camp in which members of the famous "Doomed Battalion" of the Chapel fighting have been kept since the Shanghai fighting. One of the internees was shot dead by guards while throwing bricks at the sentries. Unrest among the internees has been prevalent for the past days; the men are demanding their liberation.

Chungking Protest

The Chinese Foreign Office yesterday lodged a protest with the

TIME BOMB IN GROUNDS OF EMBASSY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two delayed action bombs fell in the grounds of the United States Embassy, London, during the Tuesday/Wednesday night raids.

Up to late yesterday, one had been removed, but the other was still buried in the ground, unexploded.

British official circles say that the Embassy buildings are in no danger, and "business as usual" is the motto of its staff.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, was not in the Embassy when the bombs fell. — Havas.

BOMBER DOWN IN LOND'N SQUARE

During a fierce anti-aircraft barrage early this morning a shattering explosion occurred in a London square.

It is reported that a German bomber crashed into it. — Reuter.

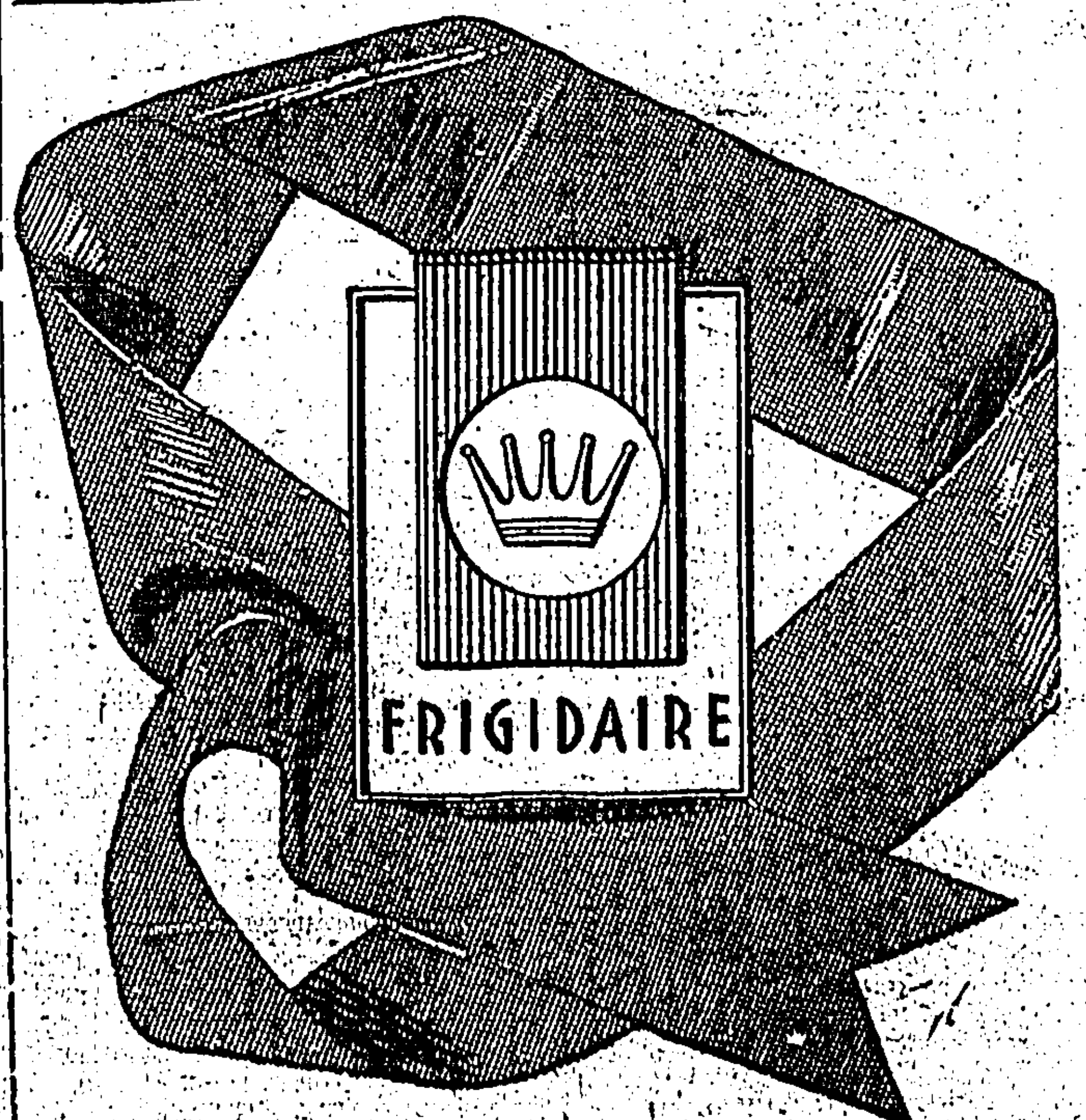
French Embassy in Chungking in connection with a recent incident between Chinese soldiers interned in a camp in the French Concession in Shanghai and French guards. — Havas.

SOVIET DEMAND OF RUMANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Soviet Russia is reported to have demanded the demilitarisation of the frontier zone with Rumania.

The possibility of Russian/German friction over Rumania is seen in Balkan diplomatic circles in view of the arrival of a German general who is said to be preparing to organise the Rumanian Army along German lines. — Havas.



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NAZI DESTROYER SUNK

Blown Up In R.A.F. Raid On Cherbourg Harbour

Harrying Of Invasion Ports Continues

OUR BOMBERS on Tuesday carried out daylight attacks on the port of Ostend, on shipping at Zeebrugge, a convoy and barges off the Dutch coast and on the aerodrome at Ymuiden, states an Air Ministry communique issued in London yesterday.

On Tuesday night Bomber Command aircraft made heavy and sustained attacks on the ports of Hamburg, Antwerp, Terneuzen, Flushing, Zeebrugge, Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne.

Much damage was done to shipping and military stores. Gun emplacements in the vicinity of Cap Gris Nez were also attacked. Other forces of R.A.F. aircraft bombed distribution centres at Crefeld, Hamm, Ehrang, Osnabruck, Soest and Brussels and the goods yards at Stockum, near Cologne. Coastal Command aircraft attacked Cherbourg harbour, where at least two supply ships were sunk and many fires started. Two of our aircraft have not reported to their base.

Destroyer Blown Up

Two large ships, one of which was believed to be a destroyer, were blown up in Cherbourg harbour during an R.A.F. night attack, states the Air Ministry news service.

Much other damage was caused in the raid and when it ended there was a ring of flames around the harbour from burning buildings and vessels.

One of the pilots who attacked Ostend said: "We got hardly any opposition at all; there were a few searchlights but nothing to worry about. It was just like bombing on practice raids."

This pilot believes he hit an ammunition train, for explosions which broke out were of "all sorts of colours."

Two of his crew—the bomb aimer and rear gunner, live in the South of London. Both their homes have been destroyed by enemy bombers.

"You can imagine they are feeling pretty happy about this show of ours."

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Ostend Safe

The town of Ostend itself, apart from a few houses on the edge of the railway yard, appeared to be untouched.

"At any rate there were no fires or any other indication of it having been bombed. Fires were all on the dockside."

A Flight-Commander confirmed the opposition was slight.

"On my last trip the Germans filled the sky with everything they had. This time a few enemy fighters were about but they were all well off our track."

A sergeant-pilot whose Chelsea home was demolished during Germany's many indiscriminate raids on London, was so keen to see his bombs hit the target at Boulogne that he dived to 200 feet to make sure.

The rear gunner of this aircraft was equally anxious to see the same result, for his mother had been wounded in the leg by bullets fired from a Junkers aircraft which was subsequently brought down in a back garden.—Reuter.

Box Barrage

Three squadrons of Blenheim and Beaufort bombers of the Coastal Command carried out the attack on Cherbourg harbour.

The attack was delivered in a gale and against sustained opposition from guns ashore and afloat which sent up a box barrage, according to one pilot, "so thick it was like a fiery carpet."

The Blenheims opened the onslaught with explosive and light incendiary bombs which started fires to light up the scene.

Then the Beauforts came in and the first pilot saw a long dark shape on the water. It was a ship of about 5,000 tons and he got a direct hit amidships which caused a shattering explosion.

The pilots of two Blenheims cruising overhead said the vessel suddenly became a furnace from end to end.

Direct Hit

Then another Beaufort pilot got a direct hit on the second ship. There was a succession of vivid flashes and an explosion which still reverberated when the aircraft had climbed and turned for home.

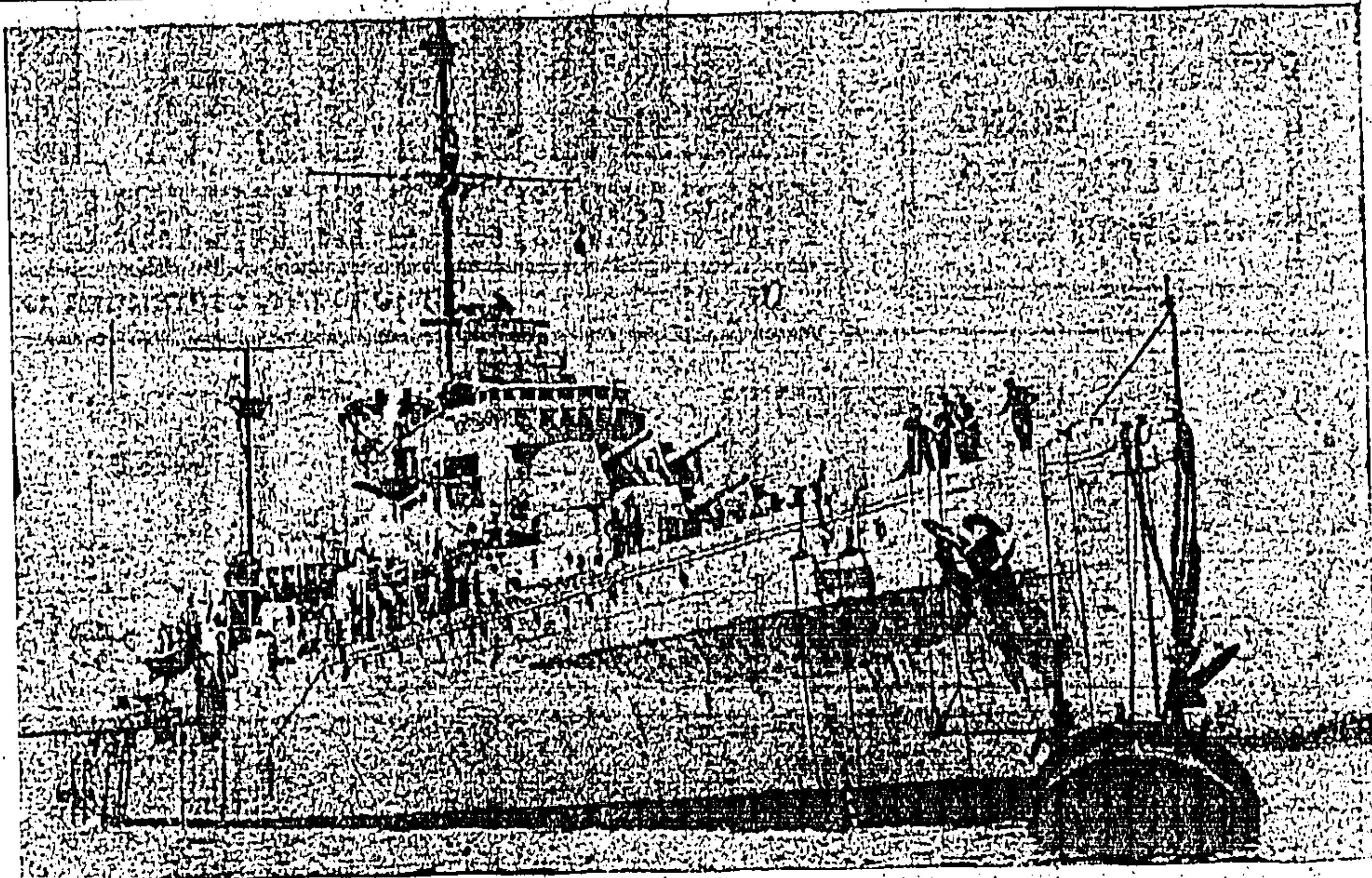
Boulogne had another tremendous attack and one sortie just after midnight was particularly successful. A quantity of bombs fell on barges and other ships and flames could be seen 20 miles at sea.

At 3 a.m. Zeebrugge was fiercely attacked and bombs fell in the dock basin, harbour entrance and on five cargo-boats.

Ostend outer and inner harbours, the main docks and about 30 barges were bombed, and a big barge concentration south-east of Flushing was also bombed. There was a series of explosions, then spreading flames and lastly a tremendous explosion.

Antwerp Blaze

Antwerp docks also took heavy punishment and great fires raged



H.M.S. Ajax, the cruiser which, together with "Achilles" and "Exeter", defeated the German battleship "Admiral Graf Spee" in the Battle of the River Plate, has now recommissioned at a British port and is ready for further triumph. (Copyright, Fox).

BLINDED BY SEARCHLIGHTS

One of the pilots who took part in the raids on Calais on Tuesday night said that they located the target without difficulty and made a preliminary run over it in the face of intensive anti-aircraft fire.

As he banked steeply to the right, he was temporarily blinded by many searchlights. Shells burst all round the plane and in a few seconds they were flying low over the sea.

They turned round, climbed and made another run, successfully dropping a stick of bombs.

They also machine-gunned a searchlight before leaving.

Another pilot reported flying through a terrific anti-aircraft and searchlight barrage. This made no difference.

"We were able to complete our attacks and dropped our bombs along the basin," he said.—Reuter.

on the quays, while shipping in the Scheldt and a riverside dock was repeatedly hit.

One bomber scored six direct hits on ships moored to the town quay.

Fires were seen on the docks at Hamburg after they were bombed early in the morning.

Aerodromes were attacked in Germany as well as the usual yards.—Reuter.

Day And Night Attacks

The Air Ministry announces that at least two supply ships were sunk and many fires started at Cherbourg by our bombers.

It also announces day and night attacks by the R.A.F. on ports in Germany and German occupied territory and much damage was done to shipping and military stores.—Reuter.

Increasing Pressure

Steadily increasing pressure on the German-held Channel ports by the Bomber Command of the R.A.F. sent, on Tuesday night, one of the largest forces of British bombers hitherto used to continue the relentless forestalling of the offensive which for nearly a fortnight has been proceeding against the German invasion plan, says the Air Ministry news service.

While the potential "invasion spearhead," namely the French, Belgian and Dutch coast, ships, barges, docks, harbours and gun emplacements, were receiving yet another terrific onslaught, other forces of R.A.F. bombers flew north-east to the right wing of the enemy's line in Hamburg to add further to the destruction in those strategic railway yards and junctions on Germany's west-

ITALY QUIETENS DOWN

There appears to be an improvement in the situation as far as Italy is concerned, it was stated in Athens yesterday, as the Italian Legation in the Greek capital announced that children of Italian families who have been on holiday in Italy are returning to Greece on September 25.

Italian schools in Salonica and elsewhere are reopening at the end of the month.—Reuter.

NAZIS SHOOT BELGIAN

HEAVY PUNISHMENTS ARE BEING INFLICTED ON BELGIANS ACCUSED OF BREAKING THE NAZI FOOD REGULATIONS.

An Antwerp grocer was brought before a court-martial and sentenced to death for "plundering to the detriment of the community."

He was shot immediately. Many others are being fined heavily and their stocks are seized. The Nazis are said to be arresting people and confiscating their food-stocks right and left.—Reuter.

tern frontier which have already taken so much punishment.

Medley Of Fires

At Calais a fire 1/4-mile long was left raging on the west side of the Carnot Basin, and a medley of lesser fires broke out in the corner of another basin and down railway lines on the east side of the Carnot Basin.

Later a salvo of bombs on the same basin caused an immediate explosion and about 60 others. The tidal lock was heavily hit; there was a big explosion and bombs were bursting about the lock gates.

Big gun emplacements near Cap Gris Nez were definitely identified by the raiders in brilliant moonlight and heavily attacked. Many pilots saw bombs bursting well within the target area.

At Dunkirk, pilots saw great clouds of dockside buildings flying through the air, and docks and quays were repeatedly hit.—Reuter.

TERRIFIC ATTACK ON BOULOGNE

Terrific flashes of flame lit up the French coast in the region of Boulogne last night as the R.A.F. launched a terrific attack on the German invasion ports.

The raid was apparently the most violent yet carried out by the R.A.F. on Boulogne. Gun flashes stabbed the waterline and shells from A.A. guns could be seen as searchlights swept the sky.

The raid began soon after 8 p.m. and as it developed, many miles of the French coast seemed to be ablaze.

As the raid developed fresh waves of British bombers spread the attack to Calais, where big fires broke out, casting a red glow into the night sky.

"Flaming onions" cut through the searchlight beams and shell bursts studded the sky but almost continuous bomb flashes showed the British pilots were pressing home their attack with determination. The attack continued well into the night.—Reuter.

TWINS BORN IN A.R.P. POST

When Mrs. Alice L. Sabine, aged forty-two, of Bowles Road, Camberwell, S.E., was rescued from a fire-endangered house at midnight, she took refuge in a neighbour's house.

She had to leave there as the flames were spreading, and went to an A.R.P. post two streets away. In the office of the A.R.P. post she gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl.

SWISS DECLARE FOR DEMOCRACY

The principle of Democracy was endorsed by majority in the Swiss Lower House yesterday in a declaration noting that the Cabinet had affirmed its determination to continue to direct national policy according to this principle to the exclusion of movements whose aims are contrary to the independence, sovereignty and dignity of the country.—Reuter.

ANOTHER SUBMARINE OVERDUE

The Admiralty announced yesterday that the submarine Narwhal (Lt-Comm. R. J. Burch) is overdue and must be considered lost.—Reuter.

COMMONS IN SECRET SESSION

The House of Commons had another secret session yesterday.

Prior to the secret debate, Mr. C. R. Attlee, in behalf of the Prime Minister, intimated during the course of questions that the Government intended to submit to Parliament, in due course, legislation to confer the necessary authority upon Allied Governments in France to call up their nationals for military service.

This would authorise them to call men to military service in accordance with their own existing national laws, but in conformity with uniform arrangements for the employment of all Allied man-power on war service.

Mr. Attlee explained that until this legislation was passed, the position was that Allied Governments had the right to call upon their nationals in Britain for military service, but the British courts and authorities had no power to assist these governments in enforcing these obligations upon Allied nationals who might be unwilling to respond.—Reuter.

Discuss Effects Of Air Raids

The following report of the secret session of the House of Commons yesterday was issued under the authority of Mr. Speaker: "The House went into secret session and a debate took place on the recent aerial bombardment of the country. Members representing London and other constituencies affected drew attention to the many problems which have arisen, and the Minister of Home Security and the Minister of Health replied to the debate." — British Wireless.

GANGSTERS SENT TO GAOL

FOUR YOUTHFUL GANGSTERS, WHO MADE A HAUL OF FOUR WATCHES WITHIN TWO AND A HALF HOURS IN THE SHAMSHUPOO DISTRICT ON MONDAY, WERE ARRESTED ON TUESDAY AND CHARGED WITH SNATCHING OR AIDING AND ABETTING BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

Accused, Lau Chuen, 20, was sentenced to six months' hard labour; Yau Wah, 20, to four months' and Kwong Ki, 19, and Pun Yu-Kit, 20, both charged with aiding and abetting, to six months' each.

Det.-Sgt. D. C. McPherson said that all four accused were arrested by Chinese detectives in Canton Road on Tuesday night.

After interrogation, first accused admitted that he snatched a wrist watch from a man in Tong Mei Road at 8.30 p.m. on Monday. The victim's hands and shoulders were held by the other three.

Half an hour later, he snatched another watch with the others assistance and an hour after another in Shanghai Street by similar tactics.

They pawned the watches next day and divided the money.

ARGYLE STREET BURGLARY

Miss C. T. Lopes, of No. 128C, Argyle Street, has reported that her residence was entered through an open window, between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday and clothing and money to the value of \$110 were stolen.

LONDON GETS ITS HUNDREDTH AIR RAID ALARM

WHEN THE ALARM WAS SOUNDED IN THE LONDON AREA AT 3.15 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IT WAS THE 100TH TIME SINCE WAR BEGAN. BY A COINCIDENCE LONDON HAS EXPERIENCED THE LONGEST AND SHORTEST RAIDS OF THE WAR DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS.

The all-night raid which lasted six minutes under 10 hours was the longest, and the 10-minute raid in the morning was the shortest. The seventh warning of the day sounded in the London area at 4.13 p.m.

Numerous high explosive bombs were dropped in a Thames Estuary town during yesterday morning's raids, causing considerable damage and rendering many families homeless.

This follows the previous night's attacks on the Thames Estuary when at least 50 bombs were dropped over one town and considerable damage done to property.

Also during the night, and for the second time within 24 hours, a number of houses in a working class district of an East London suburb were demolished and others so seriously damaged that many people were rendered temporarily homeless.

The eighth air raid warning of the day sounded in London at 6.57 last evening.

PING SHEK VILLAGE INCIDENT

AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING, BEFORE MR. JUSTICE E. H. WILLIAMS, WONG KAM-YAN AND KU MING WERE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO ROB.

Ku Ming was also charged with possession of a revolver and ammunition.

Mr. J. Reynolds, assisted by Detective Sergeant Downman, was for the prosecution, and the jury was composed of Messrs. J. R. Pearne, (foreman) Au Shui-min, A. Zimmern, Paul Cheung, A. Abbas, D. L. Pecorini and E. N. Remedios.

Mr. Reynolds said that Shing Muk, an elderly man, lived in Ping Shek Village in a hut, one half of which was used as an opium den.

About 10.45 p.m., on July 31, first defendant, under the pretence of wanting to smoke opium, entered the hut. After some time, two men entered, and threatened the old man with revolvers. He seized a chopper and struck one of them with it and they made off. First defendant then tried to take the chopper from Shing out was wounded on the hand.

Some neighbours came to Shing's assistance and a fully loaded revolver was found about 30 yards from the hut.

Shortly afterwards, two Indian constables on duty on Saihung Road noticed a man coming towards them. They flashed their torches and saw him drop a white parcel. He was arrested and the parcel was found to contain a loaded revolver.

This was the second defendant. The case is proceeding.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has dispersed, leaving an area of moderately high pressure over the Yellow Sea. The typhoon has moved into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido.

CHINESE SYMBOL FOR "QUARREL"

Mr. Justice Henry Collins, commenting in the Divorce Court of the case before him, said: "It was a state of things at least as old as Chinese civilisation. The Chinese have an ideograph for their word meaning 'home.' It is a rudimentary picture of a house containing one woman. They have another ideograph for the word 'quarrel'; it is the same as the other, but it has two women in it."

He dismissed the petition of Mr. Thomas Henry Ayres, of The Denms, Crondall, Hants, who asked for a decree on the ground of desertion. Mrs. Ayres, who alleged her husband's adultery, was given a decree nisi.

HITLER LOOKING FOR BEST OF LAST OPPORTUNITY

COMMAND OF THE AIR is the key to victory, says the "Daily Telegraph" commenting on Mr. Churchill's statement in the Commons.

Dread of the day when we may obtain it may drive Hitler to snatch at the desperate chance of invasion.

Mr. Churchill tells us, says the journals, that the deployment of barges and ships to invade Britain and Ireland is continuing steadily.

We, therefore, expect the attempt whenever the furious counsels and his lieutenants agree that the best of the last opportunity has come.

Agreement must be difficult for the heavy bombing night after night of enemy shipping and harbours and the focal points of land transport has done serious injury to the preparations.

The difficulties which baffled the armadas of invasion of the past have been increased by the mechanism of modern war.

Attacks On Civilians

Alarm at the failure to defeat our air force was one of the main reasons for the frantic intensifications of the German attacks on the civil populations and by this means Hitler has been able to increase the amount of indiscriminate slaughter.

The greater amount of bloodshed, of the massacre of men not under arms and of women and children is a success of the kind Nazidom loves best. Hitler and his tribe have built their tyranny on cruelty and are unable to conceive of a national spirit which will not yield to terrorism. — Reuter.

ROYAL NAVY'S BLACK LIST

THE "BLACK LIST" OF SHIP-OWNERS WILL NOW INCLUDE A LIST OF SHIPS WHICH WILL NOT BE GRANTED FACILITIES AT BRITISH PORTS OR NAVY CERTS.

These will be ships which have committed blockade offences and which are considered potential blockade-runners.

Britain is not prepared to grant them any facilities.

The "list" will enable neutral shippers and importers to know what ships should not be used. — Reuter.

ANOTHER BATCH OF DESTROYERS

A second batch of American destroyers for Britain has arrived at a port on the east coast of Canada and they will be turned over to the Royal Navy immediately. — Reuter.

STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY

"I KNOW THE RISK TO INDUSTRY, BUT IT IS NO MORE DANGEROUS THAN IT IS TO THE MEN IN THE SPITFIRES FIGHTING THE ENEMY," SAID MR. ERNEST BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, YESTERDAY, WHEN HE PRAISED WORKERS IN ALL BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO KEEP UP OUTPUT AFTER THE SIRENS HAD GONE.

He appealed to workers to use ingenuity to maintain output. There were many possible methods, but it was unadvisable to advertise them.

In this total war, industry must have its strategy just as the fighting services have.

It would not be long before trainees would be passing out from Government training centres for munition production at the rate of 250,000 to 300,000 a year.

A Spurt

Saying that the present long hours of work were to be regarded as a spurt it was impossible to keep up, Mr. Bevin said the work people's achievement in intensifying output by working long hours would stand out as one of the most wonderful in Britain's industrial history. — Reuter.

NEW YORK ON VICTORY PROSPECT

THE NEW YORK PRESS gives many pages of pictures and news of the war over London and continues to show its appreciation of the strength of the British position.

"Britain can win" is the heading given to a leading article in the "New York Herald-Tribune," which goes on to say that "given courage, unity and determination there are hundreds of roads to victory."

Any one of these roads would lead to "the destruction of the savage threat over-shadowing the world."

"Britain can win," the paper continues, "and the best and simplest proof of this is the great effort Hitler has mustered for her early destruction."

"He knows that nothing short of her annihilation will avert his."

Commenting on Mr. Churchill's words about "sober and increasing confidence," the "New York Times" says that "these are a true description of the temper of the British people."

"Americans are rejoicing that the R.A.F. is still right in the fight and Londoners' backbones are still stiff," says the "New York Daily News."

With regard to the R.A.F. crippling raids on the Channel ports, the same paper says:—

"We wish them all the luck in the world, because if they go down and Hitler decides he wants to be a god on earth, he may be coming next to the United States." — Reuter.



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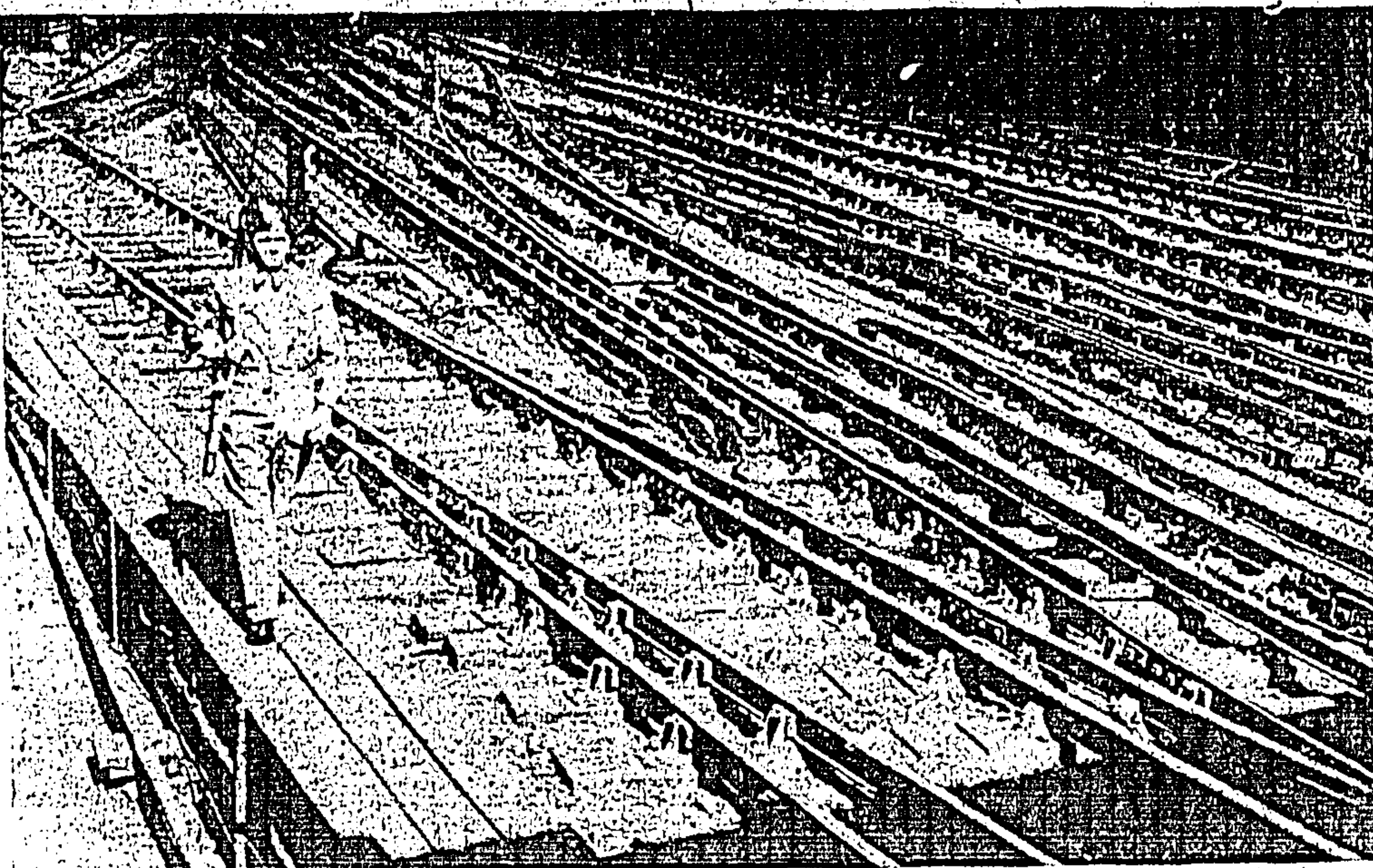
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Intensified War In The Ether Promised

LORD CALDECOTE replied to the debate in the House of Lords yesterday on British propaganda in the course of which the Government was asked what steps had been taken to secure adequate presentation of the British and Allied case at home and abroad.

Lord Caldecote said it had to be realised that from the point of view of apparatus available for presentation of the national case, Germany had the advantage which, of course, she did not deserve.

She had appropriated largely in the middle of the great Continental area practically all broadcasting stations.

"We are confined at present to stations which operate mainly from Great Britain, and their effectiveness is dispersed over a great area of ocean instead of and.

The Government have no intention of staying under that disadvantage and steps are being taken actively to take over the superiority which at present is possessed by Germany.

"The B.B.C. has its all-the-world service which is operated for 20 hours out of 24.

In addition to the two European services it has a special areas service which is used for reaching in the Near East Greek, Arabic and Turkish speaking peoples, in South Africa the Afrikaans-speaking population, and for reaching Latin America. This service operates for 16 hours out of each 24.

72 Bulletins

"There are 72 news bulletins in 29 languages and they are translated into the appropriate languages by nationals of the countries which will receive the broadcast."

Lord Caldecote said sometimes he shared the feeling that they were not naturally so adept at propaganda or so successful at it as some other nations.

This might be due to the fact that they were determined to adhere more strictly to the truth than the propagandists of other countries.

"Truth is great and will prevail, but sometimes there is a time lag which makes us impatient. If we persist with the fact, we are certain to succeed in the end better than if we resorted to lies and prevarications." — Reuter.

SWEDISH PULP FOR NAZIS

Swedish pulp exports to Germany are to be increased by 60 per cent. and paper exports by 40 per cent. under the new commercial agreement between the two countries, the German radio stated.

Germany is to increase her shipments of coal and coke to Sweden.

BENGAL'S GIFT TO RAID VICTIMS

The Bengal Government has contributed £7,500 to the Fund for the relief of London air-raid sufferers which was opened by the Mayor of Calcutta.—Reuter.

OIL SUPPLIES FOR SPAIN

It was learned in London yesterday that an agreement has been reached between the British and Spanish Governments regarding the amount of imports of oil into Spain.

It is officially regarded as satisfactory to both sides.—Reuter.

DIRECTOR OF A.R.P. IN CHUNGKING

Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, is now in Chungking.

Commander Steele-Perkins left by air on Tuesday to inspect the Chinese system of air raid precautions in the frequently-bombed city.

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UNATTENDED CAR: FIRST FINE

For leaving his car unattended during daylight hours without securing the doors, Bertram Harrison of Westbury Road, Southend, Essex, was fined £1 at Southend.

The Chief Constable said that Harrison was the first offender proceeded against under this regulation.

Harrison removed the ignition key and locked the door near the driving seat, but left the other three unlocked.

ACTIVE TRADING ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was well attended yesterday and trading was more active. Prices of most groups tended to improve under the lead of gold-minings which were supported by Cape and local buyers. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

"DASTARDLY" SAYS MR. BUTLER

"DASTARDLY AND deliberate" was the description applied by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday when asked for information on the attack by two Italian aircraft on an American mission station at Doro, in the Sudan, on August 23.

Mr. Butler declared at least 50 bombs were dropped and machine-guns were also used. Of the mission staff of five, two were killed and two wounded. All were Americans.

R.A.F. HONOURS

An officer who was the first to shoot down an enemy aircraft in France was included in a list of awards for gallantry and devotion to duty issued by the Air Ministry. This officer has since shot down six more planes.

The awards were a bar to the D.F.C., seven D.F.C.s and four D.F.M.s. The list describes some of the feats which won the awards, but does not identify the pilots concerned.

One officer honoured shot down four aircraft in the first five days of the Germans' big attack. Another took part in 10 combats against enemy aircraft in as many days. On one occasion he led five Hurricanes against a bomber escort of 25 Messerschmidt 110s, six of which were destroyed. He had to land by parachute.

In addition, a native girl and two boys were wounded.

The mission station, said Mr. Butler, was isolated and far from any military objective.

Its location was well known to the Italians whose attack was clearly deliberate as shown by the fact that the Italian commander at Kurnuk had sent a message earlier in August to the missionaries at Doro to report to him with their passports.

A reply to this message was under consideration by the missionaries when they were shot down in cold blood.

Asked if the matter was brought to the attention of the U.S. Government, Mr. Butler said he had no doubt the U.S. Government had observed this "dastardly attack."—Reuter.

SILVER FOUND IN B. & S. SHIP

A consignment of 110 bars of silver found on board a Butterfield and Swire ship on Wednesday by the Chief Preventive Officer of the Company, Mr. J. Mooney, resulted in Lee Fat, 39, described as a boarding house runner, being charged before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning with possession of unmanifested cargo, and with exporting silver without a written permit from the Export Import Office.

Mui Chuen-chu, 37, boarding house foki, was accused of aiding and abetting Lee Fat.

Inspector A. S. Johnson, of the Water Police, applied for a week's remand which was granted.

Accused were allowed bail of \$4,000 and \$100 respectively. The silver was valued at \$3,800.

BARRACKS THEFT

Lau Chun-ming, 21 was ordered to be expelled from the Colony, as a destitute, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning. He was convicted of stealing a wrist watch and a packet of cigarettes from Private Wright at Victoria Barracks yesterday.

UNDERGRADUATE'S LOSS

Day Lay-hee, undergraduate of the Hong Kong University, has reported that \$180 was stolen from his quarters at St. John's Hall yesterday.

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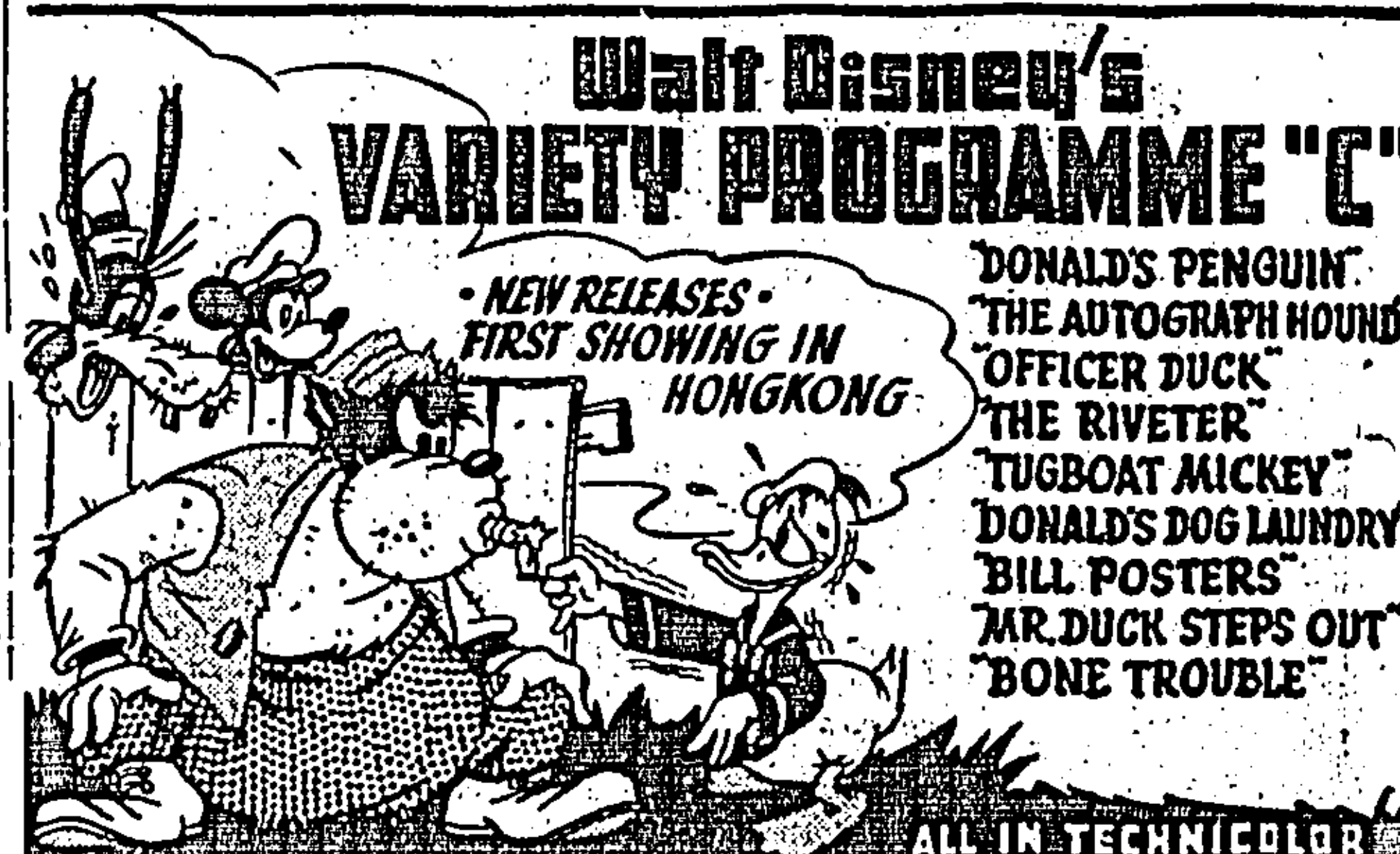
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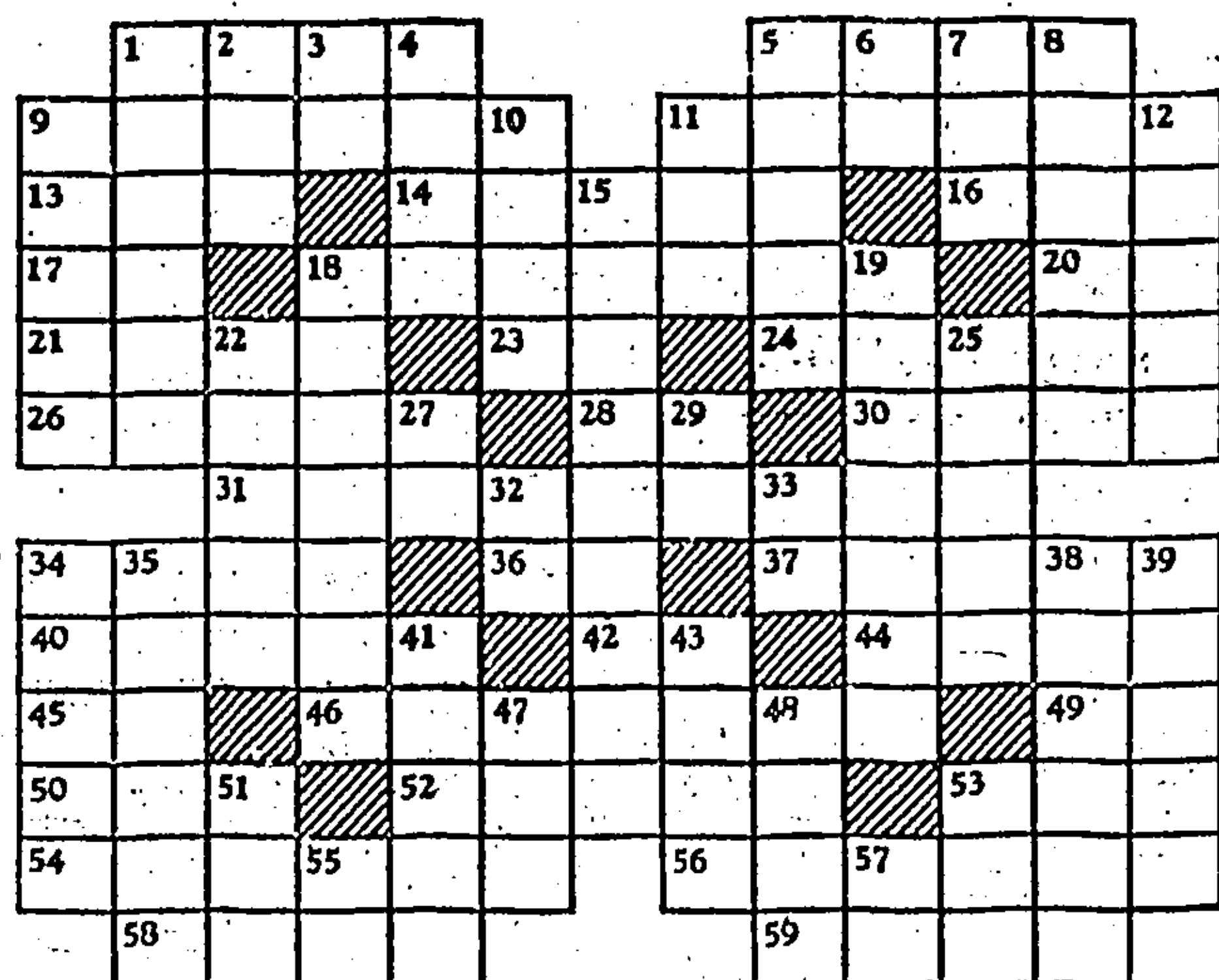
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- 20 Pronoun
- 21 Soft stone
- 23 Exists
- 24 More painful
- 26 To preserve
- 28 Preposition
- 30 Russians
- 31 Play without dialogue
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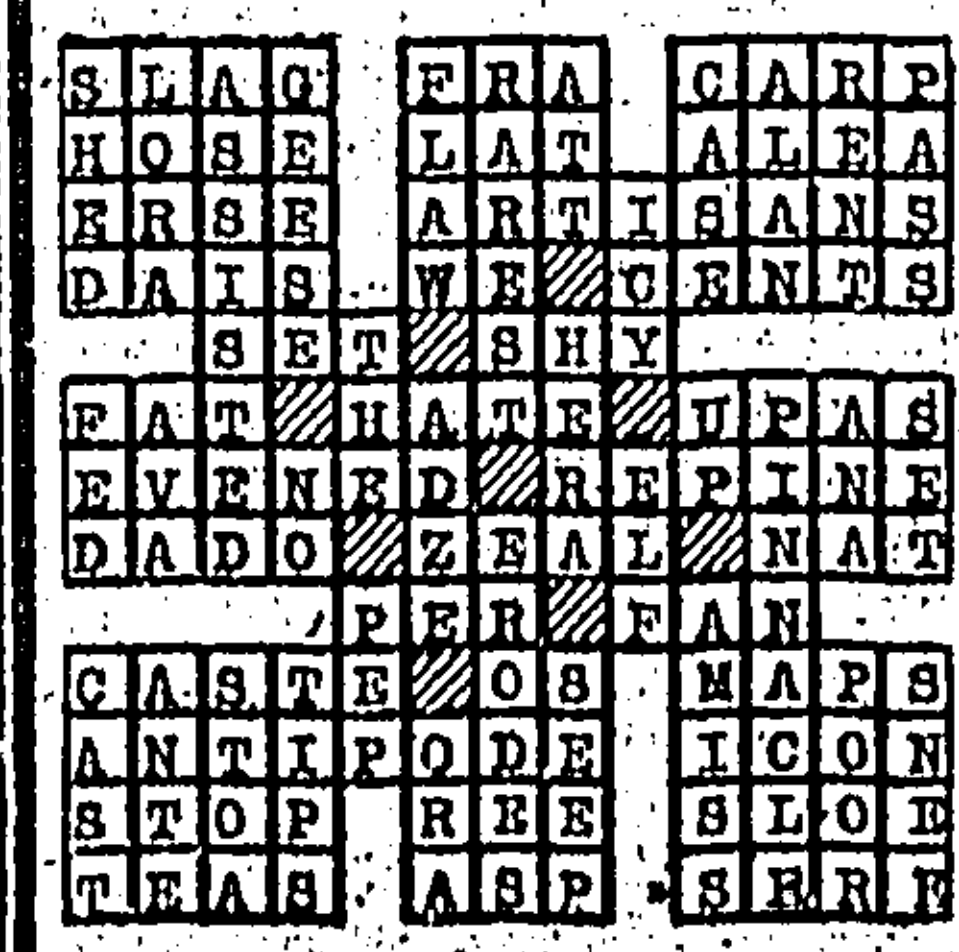
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- 4 Loaned
- 5 Merges
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Faint
- 8 Hampered
- 9 Stops

10 Hindu

- women's garment
- 11 Not many
- 12 Pitchers
- 15 Replacing
- 18 Smooths by abrasion
- 19 Torpid
- 22 Galloped
- 25 Old English ballif
- 27 Printer's measure
- 29 Sacred Hindu word
- 32 Note of scale
- 33 Italian article
- 34 To rise
- 35 Smaller
- 38 Simpler
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- 43 Fright
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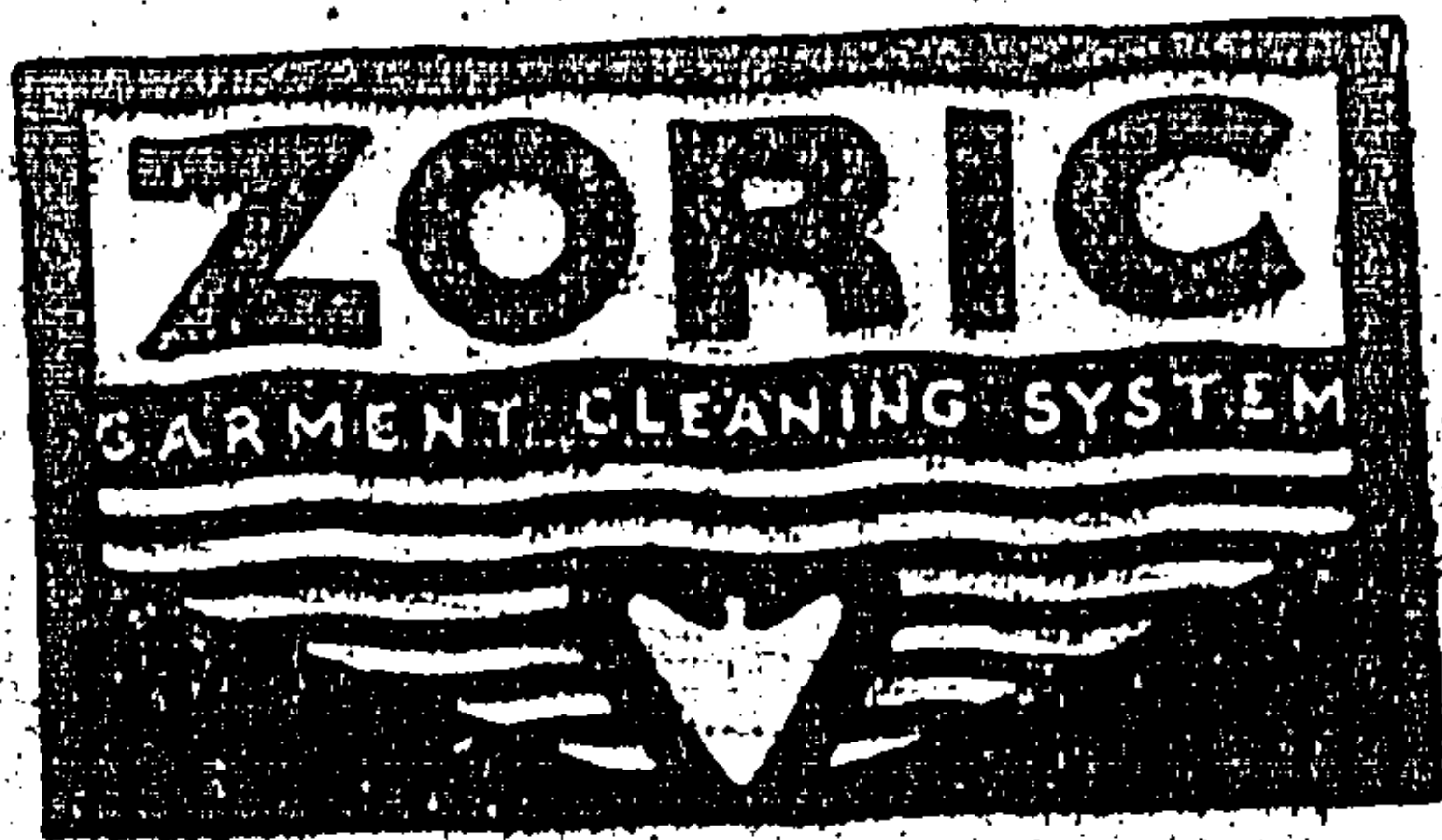
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HUGE PYTHON CAPTURED ALIVE AT WAGLAN

A 15-FOOT PYTHON, weighing some 16 cattiees, was captured on Waglan Island on Tuesday night and brought to Hong Kong yesterday.

The reptile had devoured about 18 fowl in seven days and was dozing in a chicken-house digesting a five-pound fowl when it was located and captured by the light-house keepers on Tuesday night.

It was learned yesterday from members of the lighthouse staff that during last week, some 18 fowl belonging to the staff, had disappeared one after the other during the night.

The coolies were at first suspected and a watch was kept on them without result. On Tuesday night one of the lighthouse keepers was awakened by the loud quacking of some of the ducks and went to investigate.

Looking into the chicken house, he saw the python in the process of swallowing a five-pound fowl. He returned to the lighthouse and on coming back with some other members of the staff found the reptile sleeping in the chicken house.

Captured Alive

They obtained a large wooden box and placed the python in it and nailed the lid down.

Yesterday morning, the python was brought to Hong Kong by some members on local leave and was taken to the Harbour Department where it had the "honour" of a visit by the Harbour Master, Deputy Harbour Master and other officials of the Department.

GANDHI STICKING TO POLICY

Non-violence is Congress's creed and means hostility to all war, Mr. Gandhi told American newspapermen yesterday. Therefore, it is vitally necessary Congress should not be involved in any war.

This, however, does not limit the desire not to embarrass Britain, so he promised that it would be definitely restricted to freedom of speech, with absolute non-violence.

A true understanding of this will ultimately help Britain and the world, he said.

Asked about India's future if the Nazis won the war, Mr. Gandhi said that he would not be dismayed by the prospect so long as the country was true to "non-violence."

"This does not mean that I shall be at all pleased with the prospect," he went on. What did frighten him was the terrific cost of securing peace — by superior brute force. — *Reuter*.

RIBBENTROP OFF TO ROME

JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP, NAZI FOREIGN MINISTER, LEFT FOR ROME YESTERDAY.

It is only a matter of speculation as to what he wants Italy to do, but his visit — coupled with that of the Italian Minister of Colonies to Berlin — suggests that the Axis policy may have reached another of its periodic crises.

The Italians are fulfilling their part by advancing their army across the desert into Egypt, and it may be the talks will be connected with this. — *Reuter*.

BERLIN TELLS ALL?

ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE SWEDISH PAPER "ALLEHANDA," GERMAN PLANS FOR THE INVASION OF BRITAIN HAVE BEEN "TEMPORARILY POSTPONED" OWING TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES AND THE R.A.F.

Germany will go on bombing towns and aerodromes, but he has been assured in Berlin that Germany has plenty of food for the winter and does not fear a long war. — *Reuter*.

POLISH SQUADRON DECORATED

A Polish squadron which has destroyed 71 German planes in 18 days were decorated yesterday by General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief.

Sixteen airmen received the Polish equivalent of the D.S.C. and four the equivalent of the M.C. — *Reuter*.

GRAZIANI INVITED TO STICK OUT HIS NECK

ALTHOUGH THE ITALIAN advance into Egyptian territory hitherto amounts only to about 60 miles, the attackers are permitted to go on for the simple reason that they cannot halt, writes *Reuter's* military correspondent.

At Sollum there is only a small harbour through which supplies cannot be obtained even if the Italian navy was able to ensure them.

Sidi Barrani, now an advanced post of the enemy, was previously lightly held by British mechanised forces amounting to about one company.

General Wavell, the British Commander-in-Chief, never had any intention of resisting the Italian advance in that neighbourhood.

British policy was one of elastic defence and aimed at inducing the Italian army in Libya to put its head — like a tortoise — out of its shell — and then hit the head.

Hitherto all reports confirm that the Italians have been given nothing to attack but the situation now becomes more active, as from Sidi Barrani onwards a metalled road will be available. — *Reuter*.

SWEDISH PAPER BANNED

THE SWEDISH NEWSPAPER "HANDELS-TIDNINGEN" HAS BEEN BANNED FOR THREE DAYS BECAUSE IT PUBLISHED ANTI-GERMAN REPORTS FROM ITS LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

This is the first time that the Swedish Government has proceeded against any newspaper. — *Reuter*.

ITALIANS ADVANCE WITH CAUTION

Little serious action has developed in the cautious Italian advance into Egypt.

G.H.Q. issued a communique in Cairo last night stating: During Tuesday and during the night, the enemy have been engaged in consolidating their positions in and around Sidi Barrani, where they have been heavily and successfully bombed.

There is nothing to report on other fronts. — *Reuter*.

ANZAC DEFENCES

NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA ARE COOPERATING ON MUTUAL DEFENCE, AND THE N. Z. CHIEF OF STAFF ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES.

The talks will be especially concerned with the co-ordination of naval movements and the position of supply and fuel bases in British possessions in the Pacific.

It was announced in Australia yesterday that a number of Australian yachtsmen and fishermen are to go to Britain to help guard coastal waters. They will get a hearty welcome from the Royal Navy and from all Britons. — *Reuter*.

DANISH RATION CUT

FOOD RATIONS IN DENMARK HAVE BEEN FURTHER CUT. COFFEE RATIONS, FOR INSTANCE, BEING REDUCED FROM 250 TO 225 GRAMMES A WEEK.

Margarine is now to be sold only to people with incomes below a certain level.

Bread rationing — which so far has covered rye bread only — has been extended to white bread and rolls, and coupons are even necessary for bread in Danish restaurants. — *Reuter*.

GERMAN LABOUR MEETING AT ZURICH

ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN RADIO, THE GERMAN LABOUR FRONT IN SWITZERLAND HELD ITS FIRST PUBLIC MEETING AT ZURICH ON TUESDAY. ZURICH IS IN A SOCIALIST COUNTRY.

The Swiss Federal Government had forbidden all public demonstrations by foreign parties.

This Swiss Labour Front is organised like its German counterpart and is made up of German nationals resident in Switzerland. — *Reuter*.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

A NEW ELEMENT

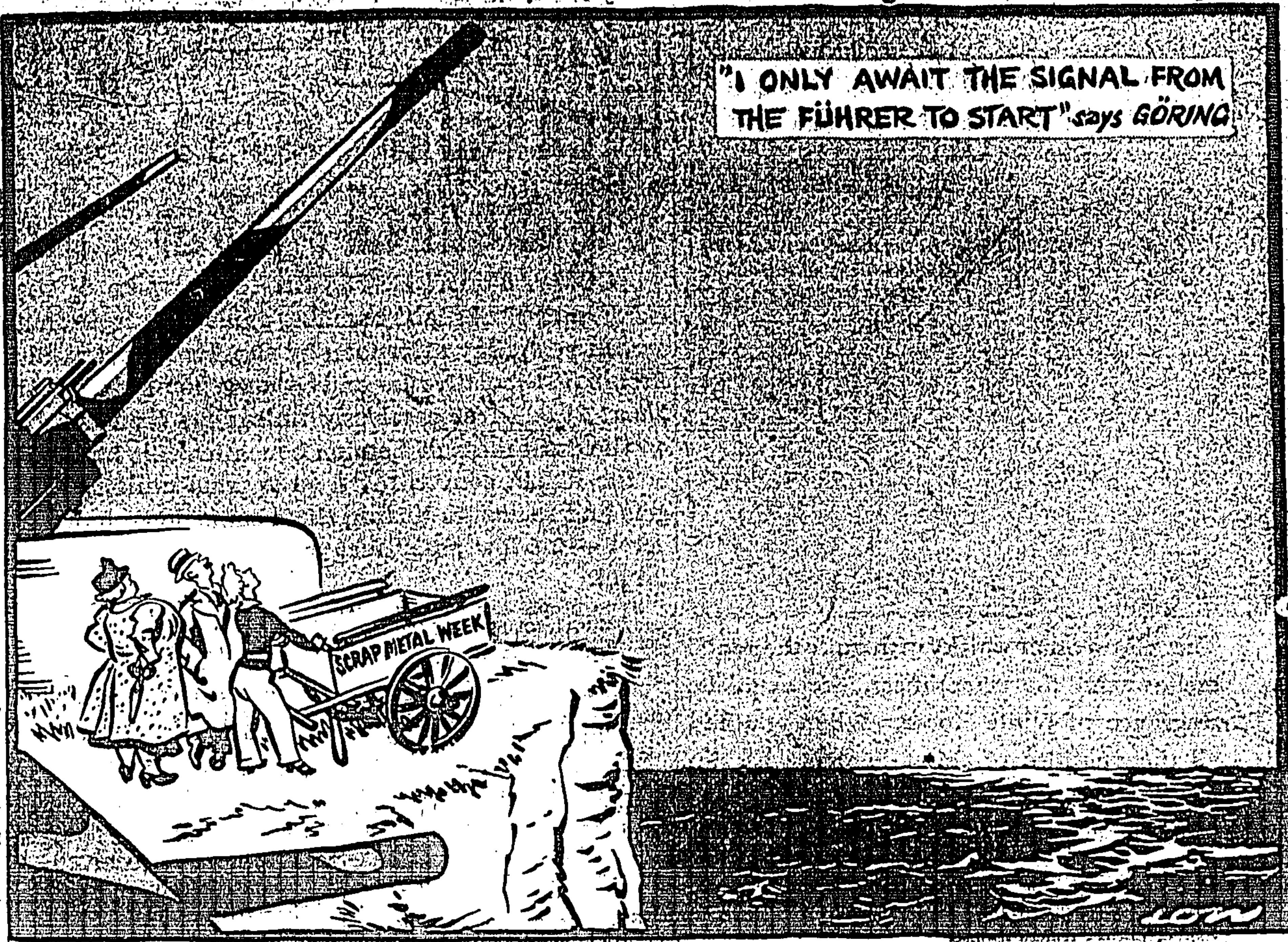
One cannot help feeling that the German conquest of France has strengthened Britain in a variety of ways. Instead of pursuing the war in a more or less leisurely way owing to her preponderating naval forces, for the first time in history the British Empire has really been roused to a sense of danger. That has released those latent forces the strength and extent of which have never been tested, but the quality of which is now being proved. The greatness of this spiritual, moral and material reserve has surprised, and will surprise Germany and Italy; still more it has even surprised the Empire.

The collapse of France was a disaster but at the same time it was a warning. It expelled those forces that make for disruption within the country. It showed the pacifists such as Bertrand Russell that the privilege of being allowed to hold and express their views depended on their willingness to abandon them at least temporarily.

The sea that encircles Britain is like the hydraulic press that consolidates the nation. The destruction of France and the pressure from Germany merely increases that unity. Then the conquest of France has brought the Germans to the coast, the limit of their domination. On land with their vast forces they have swept all in front of them. Their tanks, big guns and massed battalions have registered their effect, after careful planning and long training, but the sea is not a German element. That is Britain's as was clearly proved at Dunkirk. The Germans are fairly certain on land with their mechanical equipment where man is subordinate to the machine, and when in massed battalions, where the soldier is still part of a great machine, but when he comes to the sea, with its uncertain moods, demanding quick decisions and rapid adjustments to changing situations, which require initiative and imagination on the part of those in control, he is at a loss. Such things cannot be planned ahead. It is here that the spirit of true democracy finds expression. Even is this more emphatically the case in the air. It is this which is causing Hitler to pause. He has got to cross that stretch of water and he has got to get control of it. He then has to land in face of a fiercer opposition than he has ever met. Small wonder if it is beginning to dawn upon him that he cannot do it, for while we can destroy the vast equipment he has assembled for attack, he cannot destroy our vast organisation of defence. His targets are large military objectives, our targets, for him, are St. Paul's Cathedral and Buckingham Palace. His great victories are in jeopardy until he secures a further victory. He is urged on by a relentless fate that demands he should stake all and fail.

No wonder the American correspondent in Berlin the other day did not see a smiling face. No wonder the stocks on the New York Market rose one to three points after the big air battle in which the Germans lost nearly 200 planes. No wonder the Italian newspapers are urging Hitler to be more careful with his air force and to postpone the invasion of Britain till the Spring. Certainly the Germans are flushed with victory and over confident in their strength, but they cannot measure the power that is arrayed against them and so there is fear.

No Britisher to-day counts the cost. He does what is required of him because he can do no other. This is the Prime Minister said is England's greatest hour. It is a privilege to be able to share in the great honour of Hitler's defeat and the destruction of that detestable system which would enslave mankind.



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Democracy-British & French

In this article Wickham Steed turns his analytical mind on the contrast between the democracies of Britain and France; and says that "it is misleading to look upon the one as identical with the other." He is convinced that Britain will win the War for freedom and for the democratic systems.

The democratic institutions of France have succumbed, for the present, to the disintegrating influences of Nazi propaganda and to the blows of the German war machine. Is there any valid reason to believe that what has happened in France will not or cannot happen in Great Britain? I believe that there is and I am not conscious of patriotic bias when I find the reason convincing.

If I had not known France and her institutions for nearly half a century I should feel unable to account for the collapse of the Third Republic. And were I not an Englishman, born and bred in the British traditions of a constitutional freedom which implies the fulfilment of individual duties as well as the enjoyment of individual rights, I might not be so sure that Great Britain will be spared the fate of France.

The differences between what was known as French democracy and what we regard as British democracy are so fundamental that it is misleading to look upon the one as identical with the other.

The greatest difference between the British and the French conceptions of democracy concerns the relationship of the State to the community or nation. Britons do not think of "the State" as something intrinsically superior to the community or as possessing other powers or authority than those which the community bestows upon it. They look upon the State as the executive organ of the nation, as the sum total of the institutions that have grown up, and have been reformed, in the course of centuries for the purpose of securing good government under Parliamentary control. By good government they understand the safeguarding of individual liberties and rights within the framework of the law and of an unwritten constitution. They conceive the Crown and its Wearer as the supreme guardians of those rights and liberties, and they willingly acknowledge and fulfil their duty, as individuals, to serve the Crown as the symbolic Head of the State.

During the past generation Britons have, so to speak, "nationalised" the Crown. Its safe keeping and proper use are entrusted to the Head of the Royal Family who wears it as the First Servant of his peoples. This view of the

Crown and the Kingship was well put by the British poet, Kipling, in 1899 in a poem which described

"How our King is one with us, first among his peers."

Neither we nor the Wearer of the Crown would accept for an instant any such conception as that expressed in the famous phrase of Louis XIV: "L'Etat, c'est Moi!" In France, on the contrary, the idea underlying this phrase has never completely disappeared. The French "Etat" has little in common with the British "State."

By
Wickham Steed

True though it be that in 1789 the French National Assembly revolted against the weak and foolish absolutism of Louis XVI, and issued the "Declaration of the Rights of Man" as a charter of individual freedom, the idea of the State as something superior to the community persisted almost unchanged, and needed only the masterful hand of Napoleon Bonaparte to restore it.

Even under the Third Republic French officials remained "fonctionnaires de l'Etat," deriving their prestige and authority from the State itself rather than from the members of Republican Governments which the French "Chambre souveraine" installed to control the State. In much the same way the French police have always been looked upon as organs of the State, charged with the duty of keeping the people in order, not as delegates entrusted with functions which the people would otherwise have to perform for themselves.

Like the British conception of the State, our conceptions of officials and of the police differ widely from those prevailing in France. The English name for an official is "Civil Servant," and the English idea of a policeman is derived from the principle of English Common Law which, even to-day, makes every citizen personally responsible for the maintenance of law and order. Citizens may delegate this responsibility to the police, but Britain's Common Law renders its citizens

liable to punishment if they do not help the police in any struggle with lawbreakers.

This principle of individual responsibility is the foundation of British democracy. And this, in the last resort, is why Britons tend to trust their Governments, as long as their Governments behave well, and to trust the police, because the Government and police alike are looked upon as wielding only those powers, which have been entrusted to them by the community of citizens. This, too, is why a great struggle like this war, which involves the freedom and the very existence of the community, is felt to be a matter in which every individual must play his or her part. The failure of a Government, or the loss of a battle, would not involve the failure or the collapse of the community. Another Government would be set up, new armies would be formed as long as there were any citizens left to do their duty.

The tendency of the French people, on the other hand, has always been to distrust Governments and the police as representatives of a State that claims and tries to exercise more authority than the community of citizens has entrusted them with. The French Chamber constantly felt it necessary to assert its own authority against the power of the State, to choose Governments that would check the arbitrary action of the State, and to distrust those Governments whenever they seemed to identify themselves too closely with the State.

In 1919, when Clemenceau and his Cabinet enjoyed the prestige of victory and appeared to be omnipotent, Clemenceau complained bitterly to me of the distrust by which he was surrounded, and asked why his own people and Parliament could not give him the same degree of confidence as the British people and Parliament gave to Mr. Lloyd George.

So I answered: "La démocratie française se méfie de l'Etat. La Chambre souveraine exprime cette méfiance, et choisit des gouvernements pour qu'ils se méfient de l'Etat. Quand un gouvernement, comme le votre, M. le Président, s'identifie avec l'Etat, la Chambre finit par s'en méfier. Or

la méfiance de la méfiance n'est pas encore de la confiance."

Clemenceau admitted the truth of this explanation. He himself had overthrown too many French Governments, because he distrusted their subservience to the State, for him to be able to deny it. He was a sincere Republican of the older school, and I think it is because French democracy has lacked in recent years Republicans of this type that democratic institutions have now collapsed in France.

Even those who, like me, believe that democratic systems of government are the best, know also that they are the hardest to work successfully. They need to be served in the spirit of the Serbian proverb: "Men should fight for freedom like archangels and, when they have won it, should live in it like saints."

There were political "saints" in the earlier years of the French Republic, but there were also many sinners. Lately there seem to have been more sinners than saints — as phrases like "La République des Camarades" and "L'Assiette au Beurre" suggested — to say nothing of the various scandals that disgraced French public life.

The downfall of democratic France, has confirmed this diagnosis. Marshal Pétain's Government has repudiated the principles of 1789 and gone back to Bourbon France. It has become clear that French democracy was undermined and corrupted from within before it succumbed to the German war machine. Is there any danger that the British democracy may likewise succumb?

I think not. British democracy, as I believe, is much more firmly rooted than French democracy was. Indeed, most of the doctrines embodied in the Declaration of the Rights of Man were of English origin. They were the fruits of political struggles that had gone on for many centuries. French democracy had no such native roots nor such ancestry.

To-day the people of Great Britain, through their Parliament, have given their National Government full power to use their individual possessions and their lives in this war against the forces of tyranny. They have not abdicated their right to criticize or to change their National Government. They are determined to win this war for freedom and for the democratic system which, they are convinced, serves freedom best. I feel certain that they will win this war, restore freedom to Europe, and vindicate the principles of Christian civilisation itself.



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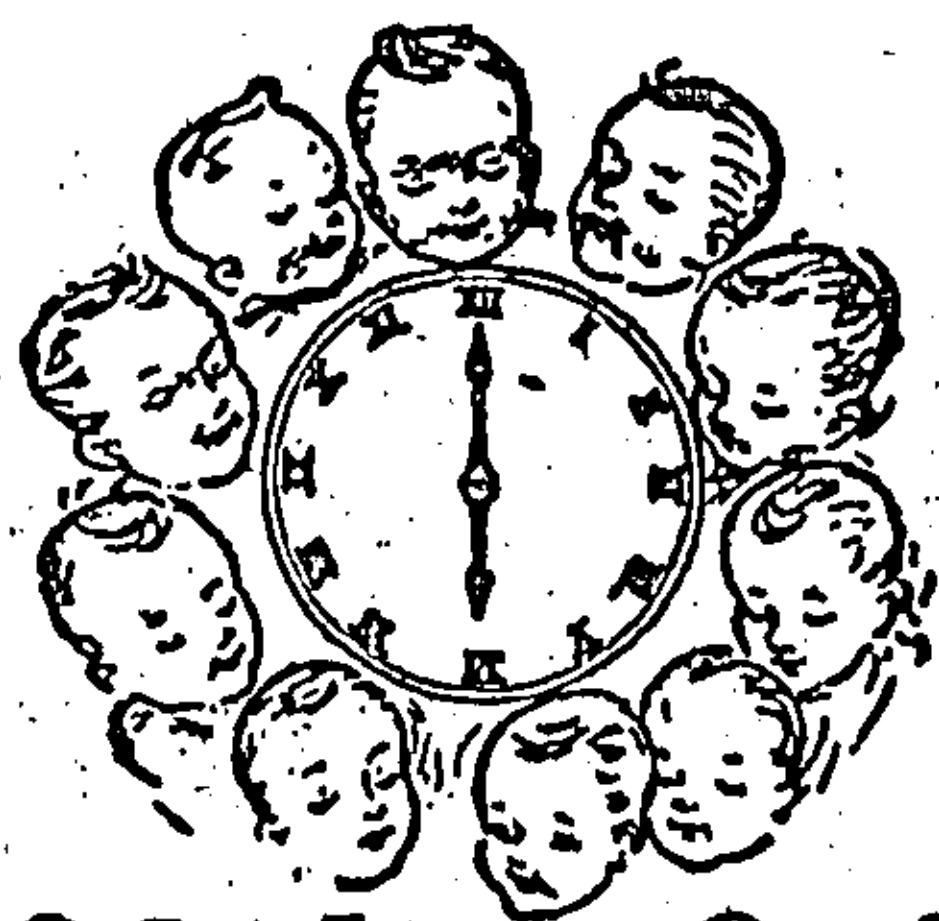
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British Reprisal Raids On Civilians Would Be Mistake

COMPARISON BETWEEN the purpose of the R.A.F. and Nazi night bombing raids was made in a speech yesterday afternoon by the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, who said German bombers flew at about 20,000 feet carelessly unloading their bombs on the dark mass of London beneath while bombers of the R.A.F. concentrated on specific military targets and to ensure hitting them came down to a low level — as low as 50 feet over one very important target.

"Some people say we ought to repay the Germans in kind for their attacks upon our civilians. The truth is that it would be a betrayal of the suffering people of London to divert any of our resources from military objectives. If the air war resolved merely into a slogging match, the advantages which she possesses both in numerical strength and above all in the distance her aircraft had to fly Germany would be bound eventually to win.

Vulgar Error

"What we are doing is to use our available resources to smash up the German transport system and thus slow down the manufacture and distribution of munitions of war of all kinds, to smash up factories in which the Germans make their aircraft or in which they make instruments without which aircraft could not be flown, here, or power houses which supply electricity to factories, or oil which supplies motive power, but don't let us fall into the vulgar error of supposing that bombs fall any less heavily on Germany because they are well and shrewdly aimed.

We have received information of a very heavy fall in industrial output of the Rhineland and the principal reason given for that fall is workers' lack of sleep. After pointing out some of the difficulties of defence against indiscriminate night bombing, Sir Archibald Sinclair said it was yet by no means an insoluble problem.

Goering's Pleasures

"German airmen will find that their reception here is increasingly warm, as indeed they have already found over London, and I am able to look forward to the time when the pleasure of night bombing over Britain and of blowing to pieces a number of humble London homes will cease to be attractive to Field-Marshal Goering and his aerial minions." The Air Minister concluded by giving details of German and British air losses since August 8 when the blitzkrieg started.

The R.A.F. had lost 621 machines of all types, fighter, bomber, and general reconnaissance. The Nazis during the same period had lost 1,867, while their losses in air crews amounted to over 4,000 and the R.A.F. to less than 600. In air fighting in the Middle East during the same period the R.A.F. lost 15 aircraft but destroyed 50 Italian planes.

Further, these figures of enemy losses referred only to confirmed German and Italian losses and the number of unconfirmed losses or aircraft damaged was very large. — British Wireless.

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living figure at the end of August was 187, July 1914, being 100, and was two points higher than the figure at the beginning of the month. This is equivalent to about one per cent. For food alone the figure was 160 or two points higher than the figure for the beginning of the month, but two points less than the figure for July 1. — British Wireless.

GARAGE ROBBED

Mr. W. E. Taylor, of No. 30B, Hillwood Road, reported to the Police last night that someone had entered his garage and stolen tools valued at \$100.

SEEMING AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE

Britain's resolve to fight to the finish received a striking tribute in the "Cincinnati Enquirer" yesterday.

The paper says: "Nowhere is the British determination to fight mile for mile for their island more eloquently illustrated than in their willingness to see their greatest city devastated rather than think of surrender.

"The Battle of Britain could be over in a few weeks, as the Axis newspapers glibly predict, only if Britain encountered catastrophic reverses and was convinced by our seeming indifference that we intended to be guided more by the anachronisms of neutrality than by the needs of our last great friend in the world.

"If we permit that to happen we deserve the fate we should court thereby." — Reuter.

HIGHEST AWARD IN INDIAN ARMY

ACTING GOVERNOR INVESTS INDIAN OFFICER

SPEAKING IN FLUENT Hindustani, His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, presented an officer of the 6th Rajputana Rifles — Subhadar Major Rehim Ali — with the most distinguished of all decorations in the Indian Army, one that is equalled only by the V.C.

The presentation was made early this morning in the Shamshuipo barracks, in the presence of officers and men of the regiment. His Excellency was accompanied by Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C.

Addressing Colonel Ambrose, Officers, N.C.O.s and men of the 5th Battalion The 6th Rajputana Rifles, His Excellency said: — "Subhadar Major Rehim Ali, Sardar Bahadur, has been awarded the Order of British India 1st Class.

"You know that with the exception of the V.C. there is no decoration that equals this one. This is the most distinguished of all decorations there being only five awarded to the whole of the Indian Army.

"To qualify for this decoration it is not only necessary to have had long service; but it is essential to have had the most distinguished service in peace and to have displayed great courage in war. "The Subhadar Major has just such service to his credit.

"Promoted jemadar after only six years' service he became jemadar adjutant two years later; he was promoted Subhadar Major after 20 years' service.

"In 1939 he was appointed Orderly Officer to His Majesty King George VI.

In Great War

"He served throughout the Great War from start to finish, with which I now decorate you."

GRIM MOOD OF BRITISH TROOPS

The Germans' indiscriminate bombing of London has made the mood of troops in Northern England who are preparing to meet a possible German invasion one of grim determination, says Reuter's special correspondent with the Northern Command.

The correspondent talked to men of an Essex Regiment and gave the gist of what they said as, "The Germans would rather attack our wives, mothers and children than meet us face to face.

"Many of our people live on the eastern fringes of London and they are having to suffer. We hope the day will soon come when we can settle accounts for every one of those attacks."

The correspondent adds that other troops of the Command, comprising Scottish machine-gunners, Welsh artillerymen and Royal Marine gunners spoke, in the same pent-up manner of the bombing of London, but he quotes a high officer as pointing out that any real chance the Germans had of invading England went within a fortnight of the evacuation of Dunkirk. — Reuter.

BULGARIAN CLAIMS ON GREECE FORESEEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GENERAL BELIEF expressed in Sofia yesterday was that Bulgaria will present claims to Greece for access to the Aegean Sea, although for the time being the problem is not considered acute.

It is recalled that since her rapprochement with Yugoslavia, her closest neighbour from the racial and language viewpoint, Bulgaria has implicitly renounced her former claims, hoping thereby to tighten her bonds of friendship with Yugoslavia and thus break up her isolation in the Balkans.

SHOT CROSSING BRIDGE

The death of a 23-year-old commercial traveller, who was shot while crossing the Gwersyllt Bridge, near Wrexham, recently, will be the subject of a Wrexham inquest.

It is understood that the Denbighshire police have interviewed two men in connection with the shooting.

The traveller, Walter May, a Lever Bros. employee, was motor-ing over the bridge with another traveller, Stanley Belfield.

He was shot and died shortly after.

A subsequent examination of the car reveals bullet holes in front and rear of it, so that the bullet apparently passed clean through May and the car.

Belfield says he heard no challenge, and neither did he notice any red lamps on the bridge.

A short time before the tragedy a police control car, while passing over the same bridge, is alleged to have been fired at twice.

It is stated there were two parashots on duty on the bridge at the time of the occurrence and that one of them was armed.

Man With Lamp

Mr. Belfield in a special interview said: "May was only sent by our London office to assist me temporarily and his fortnight in the district was to have expired to-day. He was a Londoner and what makes his death the more tragic is the fact that he was just going into the Army and looking forward to it."

"It was about midnight as we approached Gwersyllt Bridge and I noticed two men on it. One of them showed a small white light from a flashlight and, thinking that they were two drunken men who wanted a lift to Wrexham, I took no notice."

"Immediately after passing the men a shot rang out and later I discovered a bullet had entered the back of the car and come out at the front. My assistant May exclaimed, 'I am shot,' and immediately collapsed."

LESS SMOKING IN JAPAN DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A movement urging Japanese to cut down on their smoking is spreading throughout Japan by means of slogans posted on the walls. Since the start of the Sino-Japanese war consumption of tobacco in Japan has increased abnormally, according to the authorities. — Havas.

The Craiova agreement with Rumania, ceding the Dobrudja to Bulgaria, opened the door to co-operation with Rumania as well.

Observers see in this policy a Bulgarian effort to assure herself of Yugoslavian and Rumanian friendship before proceeding with her claims on Greece which appear now to be easier of realisation, since the suspension of the Balkan Entente resulted in the rupture of Rumanian-Yugoslav solidarity with Greece.

Nonetheless the same observers point out that difficulties remain, since Turkey continues to support Greece.

Turkey's Stand

Turkey is opposed to any solution of the Greek-Bulgarian question which would give Bulgaria a corridor through Thrace to the Aegean Sea, since this corridor would do away with the common Turkish-Greek frontier.

Another important factor is the attitude of the Soviet, as since the incorporation of the Dobrudja in Bulgaria the latter's frontier is now pushed to within 50 kilometres of Russia. Finally, negotiations are going on between Turkey and Russia; their exact nature is not known but it is admitted that Russo-Turkish relations are an important element in south-east Europe and Bulgarian diplomacy must take them into account. — Havas.

SIAM'S DEMANDS IN INDO-CHINA: CURIOUS MOVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INSTRUMENTS OF ratification of the Franco-Thai non-aggression pact were despatched from Vichy to Bangkok by plane on Tuesday; the treaty will come into effect when instruments of ratification are exchanged at Bangkok.

When the pact was signed the two governments decided on a certain procedure in dealing with various questions pending between Thailand and Indo-China.

Chief question is the closer delimitation of that part of the frontier which runs along the Mekong River. It will be debated by a mixed arbitration commission which is to meet in Bangkok as soon as the pact is ratified. — Havas.

Vichy Surprised

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED IN VICHY YESTERDAY EXPRESSES THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S SURPRISE AT THE THAILAND DECISION TO SUBMIT TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO FRANCE WHILE THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR SOME TIME HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THESE CLAIMS.

Negotiations were proceeding smoothly, the statement says, and dealt only with delimitation of the border between Indo-China and Thailand along the Mekong River.

125,000 NAZI PARACHUTES

A single German firm delivered 125,000 parachutes to the German Air Force at the end of last month, according to reports in usually authentic quarters in Zurich.

The unexpectedly small consumption of munitions by Germany during the campaign in France, according to these quarters, has led to a slackening of the German arms production, particularly of small ammunition.

HOW HOOVER LOOKS AT THE WAR

PREDICTING THAT THE BRITISH EMPIRE WILL EVENTUALLY TRIUMPH IN ITS HEROIC DEFENCE, EX-PRÉSIDENT HERBERT HOOVER, SPEAKING AT PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAY, DECLARED IT WAS NOW TIME THAT THE UNITED STATES BEGAN TO THINK ABOUT ITS "ECONOMIC DEFENCES" AGAINST WHAT IS TO COME AFTER THE CONFLICT ENDS.

Mr. Hoover declared the entry of the United States into the war would put the nation under "totalitarian dictatorship" and destroy any hope of maintaining a free economy in the world for a generation.

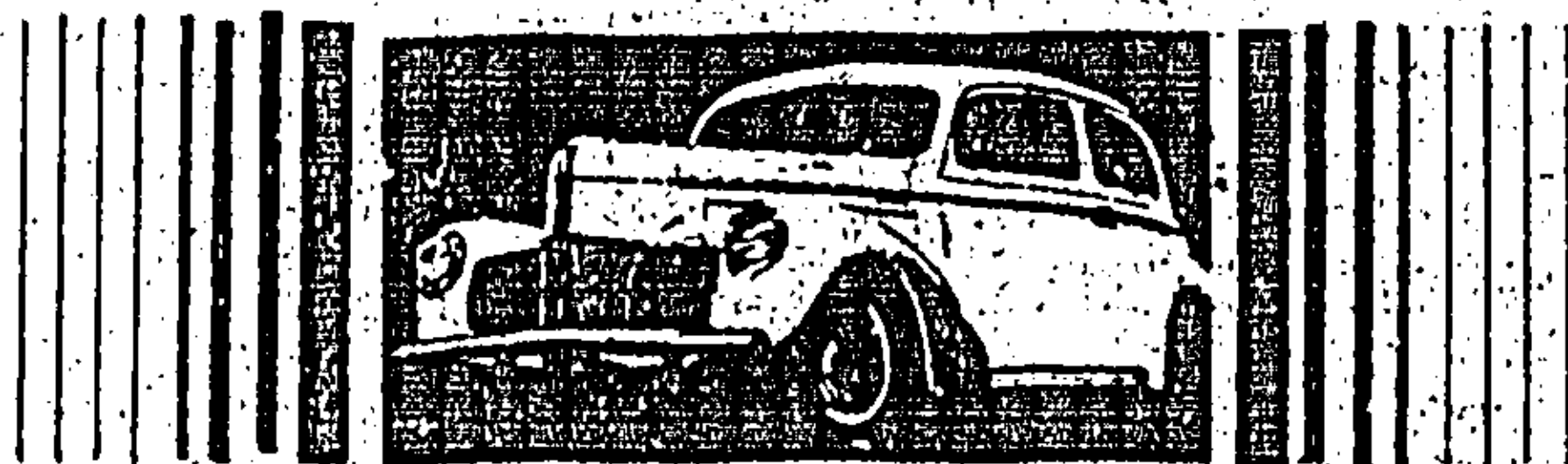
Mr. Hoover forecast that after the so-called "peace," which would only be a suspension of massed killings, with disarmament as the most unlikely of all outcomes, there would be a period of devaluation, inflation or repudiation in some form.

For a long time the function of gold in the settlement of international balances would be greatly limited. — Reuter.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2823.	Wing Hong Street, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2705.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 34,000	\$468 \$10,200

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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2	Inland Lot No. 6069.	Blue Pool Road.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 50,000	\$918 \$15,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2830.	Junction of Shun Ning Road and Camp Street, Shamshuiipo.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 5,890	\$74 \$3,330

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WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 10
"Here's one for your crime series," writes L. C., of Miami, Fla. "There can be no doubt about the crime, for we played a lay-down slam at a part-score contract. But maybe your detective staff will have some trouble in fixing the blame."

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 6 2
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ Q J 10 4 2
 ♣ J 8
 ♠ Q 9 3
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ A Q 9 6
 ♠ K 10 5 4
 ♥ K Q 10 9 3 2
 ♦ K 7 6
 ♣ —

The bidding:
 South West North East
 Pass Pass 1♦ Pass
 1♥ Pass Pass Pass

All right, staff, who's the criminal? Decide for yourself before going on.

South was the criminal. Many fine players would open the bidding with his hand because the ten cards and considerable strength in the majors compensate for the absence of normal high-card requirements.

That, however, is a rather close question, so South is not condemned for his original pass. But when North opens the bidding with one diamond, South must leap at the chance to show his near-bid and excellent fit. This is done by the forcing bid of two hearts.

It's true that North would then bid only three hearts, and South probably only four — thus missing the slam. But at least they would get to game, and might reach the slam if South got really ambitious. As it was, North cannot be blamed for passing South's unenterprising response of one heart.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 4
 ♥ J 9 5 4
 ♦ A Q J 5
 ♣ A 7 3

The bidding:
 Schenken Maler You Jacoby
 1♥ Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. Your hand is fully strong enough

ILL, OLD—OFF TO SAFETY

Two hundred elderly bed-ridden people, many of whom had not been outside their homes for years, were evacuated in an ambulance train from Yarmouth to Lichfield. "The old people were wonderful," said a clergyman who saw them off. "Some smiled and treated it all as a joke. Others were obviously in pain. Yet they made light of the whole thing."

The oldest on the train was a man, aged ninety-nine. There were several aged about ninety and many octogenarians.

A woman of eighty-six, on leaving the ambulance in which she had been taken to the station, refused an offer of a lift on a stretcher.

Another evacuee remarked: "I haven't had a rest for seventy years, but I'm going to get one now!"

Nurses and A.R.P. workers assisted in the evacuation. The invalids were given tea as they awaited the train's departure.

THREE BROTHERS MISSING

Three Derby brothers, all privates in the Sherwood Foresters, who were called up in the same week, have been officially reported missing on the same day.

They are Alfred Wagg, aged twenty-two and Edward and Thomas Wagg twins, aged twenty, the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Wagg. The brothers lived with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. E. Daykin in Bloomfield Street, Derby.

The telegrams notifying Mr. and Mrs. Daykin, that their nephews were missing were all received at the same time.

for this bid, and you are perfectly willing to suggest slam possibilities.

Score 100% for three hearts, 80% for two diamonds, 0 for two hearts.

QUESTION NO. 519

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 8 2
 ♥ J 5 3
 ♦ J 10 9 5
 ♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:
 Jacoby You Schenken Maier
 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

What do you lead? (Answer tomorrow.)

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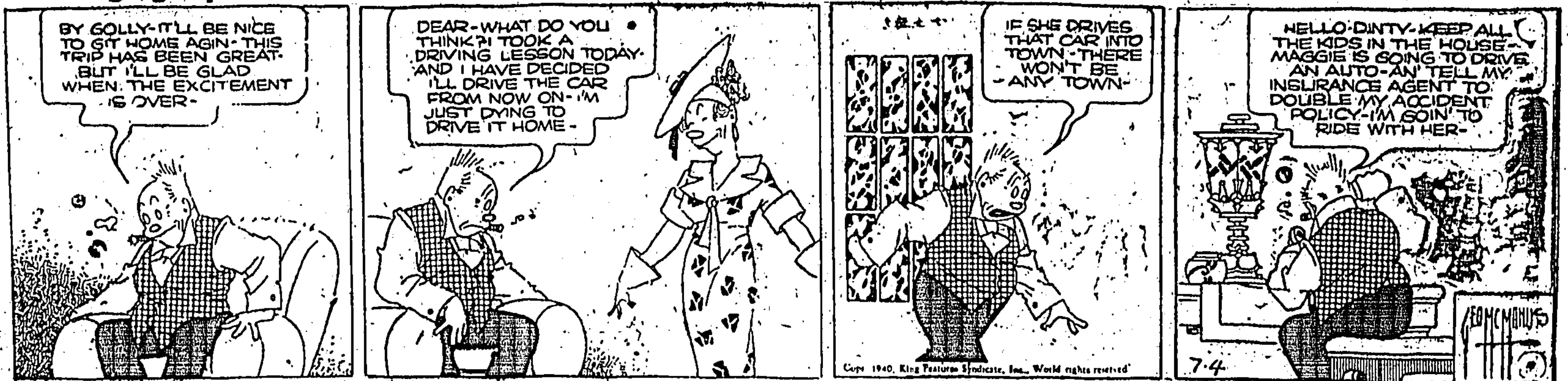
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To Reduce Abdomen And Waist

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And after all we do want to be admired, don't we? But how much effort do you put into beautifying your figure? Have you let your waist thicken and your tummy grow flabby? Do you have the seams of dresses let out to accommodate your carelessness?

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Make this pretty frock of gingham, percale, calico or seersucker and trim it with ric-rac braid. The belt may be tied in the front or fastened with a buckle.

Here are some exercises which come from a prominent salon — they are to slim an aging midriff!

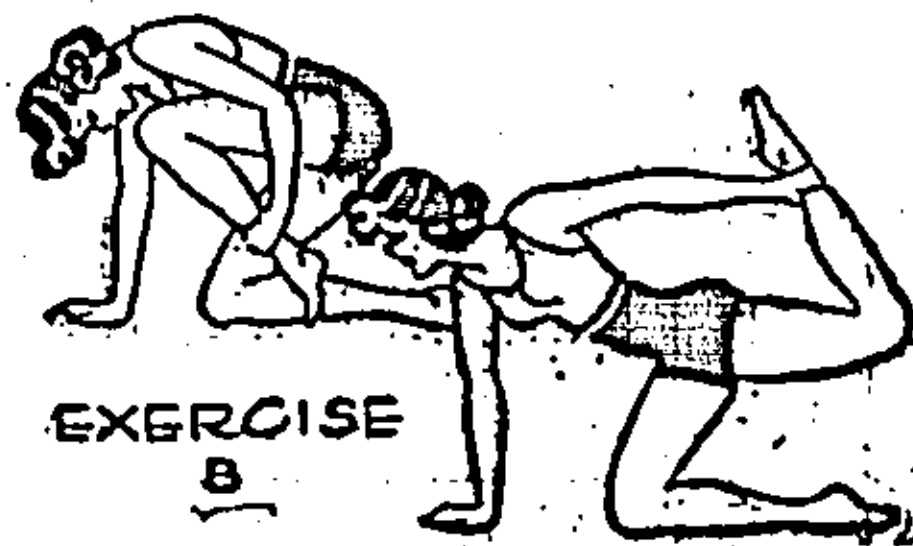
Whittling Away The Waistline

Stand erectly with feet apart. Stretch arms overhead. Circle your hips by pushing them out to the right side, then back, to left side, out in front. Do not move shoulders or arms. Circle should be made between waist and knees — as if you were doing a Hula-Hula dance in a grass skirt. Do it with music.



Lie on your right side. Right arm under ear. Left hand flat on mat to balance body easily. Pull

knees to chest. Extend legs straight out in front of body, not touching the floor, and down to first position. Repeat five times. Turn on left side. Repeat five times. Repeat entire exercise five times.



Get down on your hands and knees, grasp left ankle with left hand. Raise left knee to chin. Lower head and chest to meet knee. Pull leg and foot back and upward holding on to ankle all the time. At the same time move head and chest upward, arching your back. Repeat on left side five times. Relax. Repeat on right side five times. Relax!

Arm And Hand Suppleness

Many women could be far more attractive if they made the most of their gracefulness, believes Magda Tagliafero, noted French pianist. She sees many women whose arms and hands and shoulders, especially, lack suppleness either because of under or over-development.

As such a fault may be corrected through exercising she wonders why we sacrifice attractiveness.

One of her exercises consists of lifting first the right and then the left hand to shoulder height and letting it drop limply to the keyboard or a low table top. The important thing is to let your hand drop, don't move it down. This is designed to loosen up the arm muscles and shoulders and should be done very rapidly, twenty times for each arm.

Another arm exercise is pivoting the elbow on the top of a table or other flat surface, and letting the hand drop limply. Do it rapidly for twenty times with each arm. When you have learned to let your arm fall in a relaxed position, you place a small button or a dime on the tabletop and try hitting it with the middle finger of each hand. It is not as easy as it sounds! Particularly when you try to do it fast.

Hand Movements

For hands, her two principle exercises are the pivot and stretch. The pivot is quite simple. All you do is pin each finger of each hand down to one of the keys of the piano, or other flat surface, and press down real hard at the same time twisting your hand to the right and to the left. Put real pressure on your finger to get benefit from the exercise.

The stretch consists of striking a note on the keyboard with your thumb, then stretching as far as

you can with your index finger and striking another note then striking a third note with your middle finger and so on until all your fingers have connected with keys without raising your thumb. Use a table if you haven't a piano. The trick is to hold the hand as flat as possible and to keep increasing the stretch little by little.

Finally there is the wringer which consists of interlocking the fingers of both hands, pressing them down with all your strength and pulling your hands apart. Sounds easy? It isn't. Just try doing it a dozen times with real pressure and see how tired your hands and arms will get. But it is good for them!



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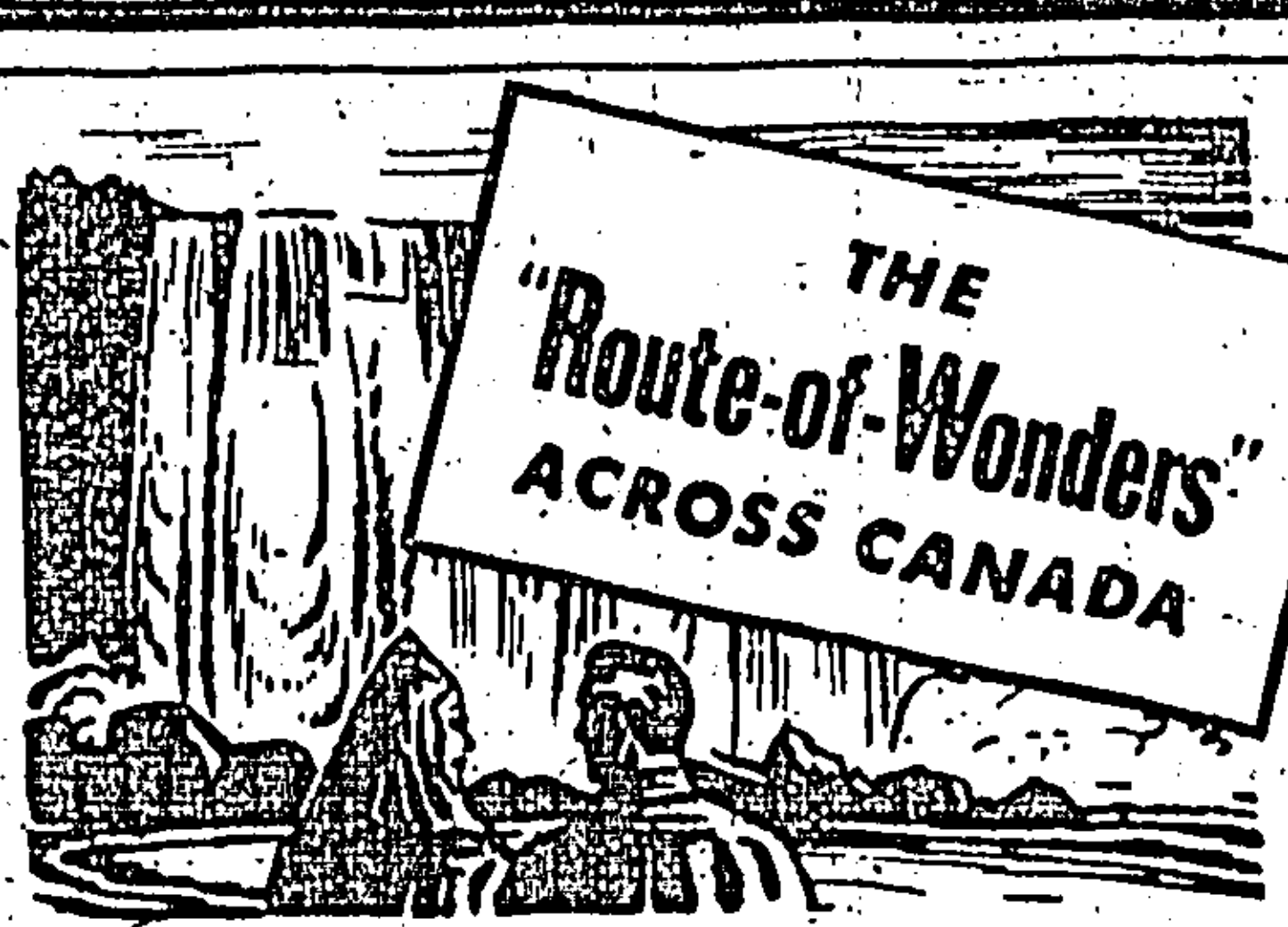
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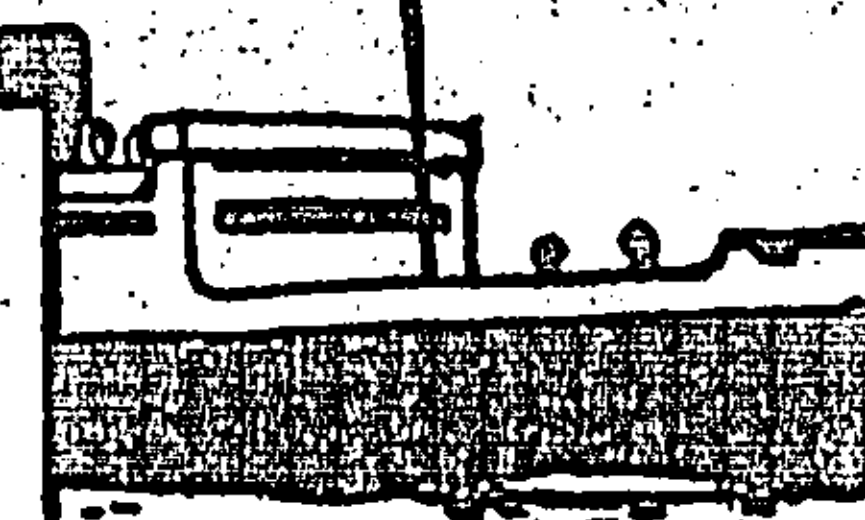


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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Magyar Imre and his Hungarian Orchestra.
12.40 p.m.—Folk Music.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Jack Hylton's Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

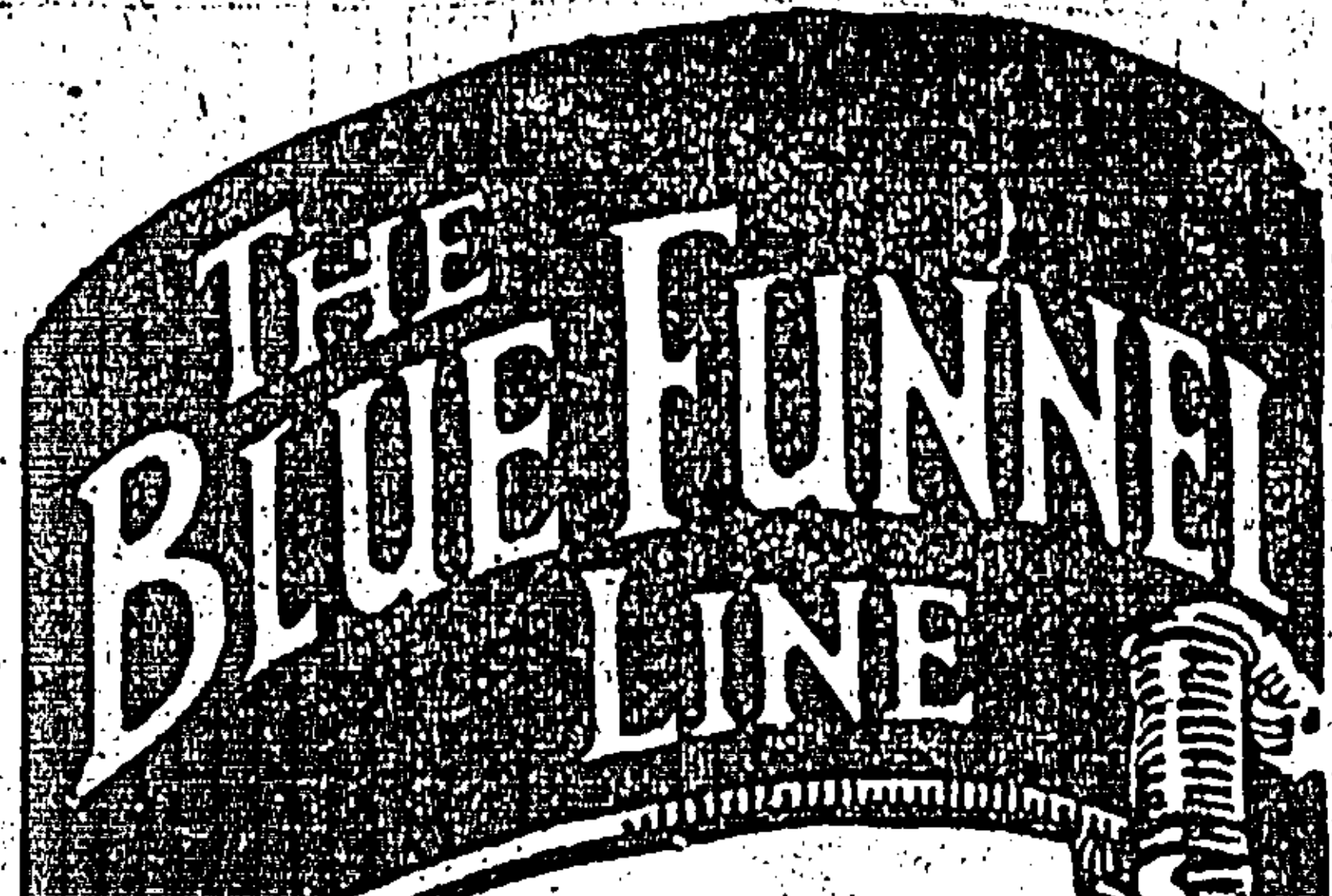
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—An Hour of Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.

9.45 p.m.—Selections from "The Yeomen of the Guard".
10.10 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—Pellea Suite de Concert.

10.25 p.m.—Levitzi at the Piano.
10.41 p.m.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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The provision of suitable accommodation this winter for some 5,000,000 men of the fighting services is the problem to be solved by the Quartermaster-General's Department at the War Office. There will be large-scale billeting of soldiers on the inhabitants. Hotels, parish halls and other public buildings will have to serve as unit headquarters.

Each week this month the number of men registered exceeds the normal pre-war strength of the Regular Army. Barrack accommodation was barely sufficient for our peace-time Army, and is wholly inadequate now. The provision of hatted camps at training centres has not kept pace with the expansion.

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BRITISH HOMES AS FORTS

BRITONS CAN BE ORDERED to make their home into a fort against enemy attack by an Order in Council issued under the Defence Regulations.

GAOL FOR MOTHER AND SON

Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed at the Old Bailey on Rex Wilfred Freeman, 21, a railway porter. He was accused of sticking up labels giving the wavelength of a German transmitter masquerading as the "New British Broadcasting Station."

His mother, Mrs. Violet Lillian Freeman, 52, of Kynaston Road, N., was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for communicating information which might be of assistance to an enemy. She was said to have told a woman neighbour about the German station, and later gave her a slip of paper giving its wavelength.

It was alleged that when questioned by the police, Mrs. Freeman shouted, "Why should we not tell people where to get the truth? There will be more justice when Hitler comes."

SHEEP EVACUEES

The evacuation of nearly 100,000 sheep from the vulnerable Romney Marsh area of Kent is almost complete. Many animals of the world-famous Romney Marsh breed have been requisitioned by the Government after being selected and valued by experts. They have been distributed among 12 counties.

While the majority of the breeding stock have been moved, about 150,000 sheep, mainly fattening stock, have been left to be slaughtered when required. Removal of stock from other vulnerable areas will have to be considered as the military situation demands.

The Home Secretary can direct occupiers of premises "to carry out measures for hindering hostile attack."

They can be ordered to clear rooms, such as lofts, to prevent the spread of fires caused by incendiary bombs.

When an order to clear rooms is not obeyed, an authorised person had to "use force" to get it carried out.

The Home Secretary is given powers to ban or regulate the use of any vehicle on the roads. New powers to prevent work being interrupted by trade disputes are given to the Minister of Labour (Mr. Ernest Bevin).

Strikes and lock-outs can be banned.

Tribunals can be set up to settle trade disputes. Terms must not be less favourable than the recognised terms and conditions, and employers will be ordered to carry them out.

Power to refer disputes to the Industrial Court will not be affected.

Departures from rules or customs regarding any job may be recorded.

The Home Secretary now has power to discharge and release on licence prisoners, and convicts.

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WAR NEEDS OBSTRUCT EXPORTS

THE QUESTION OF THE EXPORT OF WIRE PRODUCTS TO SOUTH AMERICA WAS RAISED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY BY COL. BALDWIN WEBB WHO ASKED THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE WHETHER HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN CALLED TO THE FACT THAT ORDERS FOR WIRE NETTING FROM SOUTH AMERICA WERE BEING LOST TO BRITAIN OWING TO THE PRESENT TEMPORARY EMBARGO ON THE EXPORT OF SUCH MATERIAL.

The questioner also said further difficulties were being created by the fact that German manufacturers were guaranteeing delivery of such materials to South America by autumn this year. Would the Secretary make the true position known in South America and preserve this trade for Britain?

Mr. Harcourt Johnstone replied that the concentration of the nation's war effort during recent months had resulted in the inevitable curtailment of exports of wire products but it was hoped that in the near future the position would become easier.

"I have been informed that offers for delivery in October have been made by Germany but it seems hard to believe that such offers can, in the light of circumstances, be taken seriously."

Nevertheless action is being taken to keep before South American purchasers the ability of this country to manufacture and deliver a very wide range of their normal requirements."

CIGARS FOR BOARD ROOM TABLE

Estate of £108,348 (n.p. £104,940) was left by Mr. F. Smith Pollard Hall, Gomersal, Yorks, a member of the Council of the Federation of British Industries chairman of J. Blakeborough and Sons, engineers, a director of other companies and formerly Assistant Director of Materials and Priority Controller's Department, Admiralty. He left an annuity of £1,500 to his wife for life and the residue between his children.

Bequests of Mr. H. P. Hoare, Woodham Road, Woking, chairman of the Cavendish Mortgage Co. who left £18,396 (n.p. £15,232), included:

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MISS KO HAS SOMETHING UP HER SLEEVE!

By "Adrem"

OWING TO THE indisposition of Robert Chan, heats down for yesterday were not necessary for the 440 Yards free-style Colony championship and this was rather disappointing as only the heats for one event were swum off.

It was expected that the "butterfly" breast-stroke would be used by the ladies, several of whom are reported to be quite proficient at this form of propulsion; but actually only Miss Churn used this stroke yesterday and only for half the distance.

Finest performance yesterday was credited to Miss Lee Po-luen, of South China, who gave a very polished display to win the first heat in 85 seconds, over four seconds better than her nearest rival. She was never extended or might have done even better.

Miss Ko soon established herself as the best swimmer in the second heat, going out in front without loss of time and swimming well within herself. At the start of the third length the order was Miss Ko, Miss Ho and Miss Churn, with about a yard at a half separating each swimmer.

Vivienne Churn then created something of a stir by breaking into the "butterfly" stroke. Although she must have, by this time, been tiring, Miss Churn swam cleanly and made great speed up the bath to overhaul Miss Ho and get within striking distance of Miss Ko. The effort took too much out of her, however, and she just managed to retain the second position.

I understand that Miss Ko is quite an expert at the "butterfly" and it is possible that she is keeping something up her sleeve for the final.

Boys' breast-stroke heats completed yesterday's programme.

LADIES' 100 YARDS BREAST-STROKE

- Heat 1:—1. Miss Lee Po-luen. Time: 85 secs.
2. Miss Au Mei-chun. Time: 92.4/5 secs.
3. Miss Yu Pui-yuk. Time: 97.2/5 secs.
- Heat 2:—1. Miss Ko. Time: 89.2/5 secs.
2. Miss V. Churn. Time: 92.4/5 secs.
3. Miss Ho Wai-man. Time: 93 secs.

BOYS' 100 YARDS BREAST-STROKE

- Heat 1:—1. H. Silva.
2. Y. Yvanovich.
3. J. Gomes. Time: 1 min. 20.2/5 secs.
- Heat 2:—1. J. Roza-Pereira.
2. R. Sequeira. Time: 1 min. 34.4/5 secs.

GOLFER GOING STRONG DESPITE 88 YEARS

FOR A late-comer to golf, 88-year-old Timothy Wholey, of Philadelphia, is doing all right.

He didn't start playing the game until he was 66. At that time Wholey was out on the course every day, but no whas cut it down to twice weekly.

One of his biggest troubles at smokes nor drinks. In his youth Llanerch Country Club is finding, and stood six feet, but to-day he is a shadow of his former self. He was born in Ireland and came to America about 70 years ago. He admits performing stupendous feats of strength as "a boy."

At 68, Wholey played 27 holes daily in Florida. On his 73rd natal day, he set a record of completing 83 holes in one day. In- wears a grey beard. He neither international News Service.

SCOTS WIN THRILLING RELAY RACE

Keen swimming was witnessed by a large crowd when the Second Battalion Royal Scots Regiment beat the Combined Small Units in the Large Units 396 yards Free-style relay heats, in the Army Inter-Unit Swimming Championships at Victoria Barracks yesterday.

Racing neck and neck over the final stretch, the Royal Scots managed to clock 4 minutes and 20 seconds, while the Combined Small Units clocked 4 min. 20.2/5 seconds.

Another outstanding feature of the day was when First Battalion Middlesex Regiment won by exactly one and a half pool's length in the 692 yards free-style relay, beating the Small Combined Units in the event.

Following were the results:—
Small Units 396 Yards Free-Style Relay.

Heat 1:—1. Head Quarters (Wing), Royal Scots; 2. 12th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery. Time: 4 mins. 25.2/5 secs.

Heat 2:—1. 7th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery; 2. 30th Battery, Royal Artillery. Time: 4 mins. 33.2/5 secs.

Large Units 198 Yards Medley Relay (First and Second in each Heat and fastest Third to compete in Final).

Heat 1:—1. Combined Small Units; 2. 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery. Time: 2 mins. 33.4/5 secs.

Heat 2:—1. 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots; 2. 12th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery; 3. 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Time: 2 mins. 32.3/5 secs.

Large Units 792 Yards Free-Style Relay Heat.

Heat 1:—1. 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment; 2. Combined Small Units; 3. 12th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery. Time: 12 mins. 17.2/5 secs.

Heat 2:—1. 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots Regiment; 2. 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery. Time: 12 mins. 8.2/5 secs.

Large Units 396 Yards Free-Style Relay Heats (First and Second in each heat and fastest Third to compete in the Final).

Heat 1:—1. Second Battalion, Royal Scots; 2. Combined Small Units. Time: 4 mins. 20 secs.

Heat 2:—1. 12th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery; 2. First Battalion, Middlesex Regiment; 3. 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery. Time: 4 mins. 41.4/5 secs.

Large Units 396 Yards Free-Style Relay Heats (First and Second in each Heat and fastest Third to compete in the Final).

Heat 1:—1. First Battalion, Middlesex; 2. Combined Small Units. Time: 5 mins. 13.1/2 secs.

Heat 2:—1. Second Battalion, Royal Scots; 2. 8th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery; 3. 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery. Time: 4 mins. 48.1/5 secs.

GLOVER CUP GOLF RESULTS

The Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will hold a Tombstone Competition in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, at Deep Water Bay on September 24. An entrance fee of \$1 in aid of the B.W.O.F. will be made.

The Glover Cup for 1940 has been won by Mrs. R. C. Stewart, who beat Mrs. A. Greaves in the final.

YACHT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held its annual meeting yesterday in its new Club-house on Kellett Island, where it recently transferred from North Point. The Commodore, Mr. E. Cock, was in the Chair.

The election of officers resulted: Commodore:—Mr. N. V. A. Croucher. Vice-Commodore:—Mr. G. G. Wood. Rear-Commodore:—Major-General A. E. Grasett. Hon. Secretary:—Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick. Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. J. Fleming. General Committee:—Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Cmdr. R. H. B. Johnstone, Capt. G. E. Neve, Messrs. R. J. Minnilt, J. E. Potter, G. J. P. Carey, F. M. Thompson, A. G. Dalziel. Sailing Committee:—Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Cmdr. R. H. B. Johnstone, Capt. G. E. Neve, Capt. J. Krogh Moe, Capt. A. O. G. Mills, Messrs. S. Berg, K. J. Minnilt, L. Garner, T. C. Fairburn, P. F. MacCabe, A. M. Mack. Rowing Committee:—Messrs. G. L. Eastgate, J. E. Potter, A. G. Dalziel, J. A. McDouall, G. J. P. Carey, F. M. Thompson, T. Swan. House Committee:—Messrs. W. R. Andrews, G. H. Gompertz, J. Forbes, S. Berg, W. F. Webb, Mrs. C. C. Blake, Mrs. N. Potter. Squash Sub-Committee:—Messrs. P. F. MacCabe, D. I. Bosanquet. Bowling Alloys Sub-Committee:—Messrs. H. Dreyer, J. Forbes, K. M. A. Barnett, H. W. Browne. Hon. Librarian:—Mrs. N. Potter. Middle Island Club-House Sub-Committee:—Messrs. T. C. Fairburn, L. P. Ralph, B. S. Carter.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Keep A Firm Grip

By BEST BALL

The average golfer cannot afford to loosen his grip during the stroke. For that matter neither can the expert player. Bobby Jones used to relax the last two fingers of his left hand a trifle at the top of the stroke, to absorb the shock of the change in direction downward but the grip was so firm in the rest of the fingers and right hand that no trouble resulted.

When the run-of-the-mine player loosens his grip however, his hands are quite likely to resume their hold on the shaft in just a bit different fashion than they did at address. They may, for instance, separate an inch or so in their grasp. This in turn changes their position in respect to the clubhead alignment, which at address was at right angles to the ball. At impact however, due to the altered grip, the clubface is very likely to be at a considerably different angle.

NEXT ARTICLE:—Keep Hands From Straying For Straight Putt.

INTERNATIONALS DRAW COTTON GOLF LESSONS

THE ELFS, goblins, imps, or what you will who dance maliciously around raffles, sweepstakes, cup-draws and the like get a whole lot of fun, I guess, writes L. V. Manning.

The Henry Cotton golf lesson at Roehampton recently was raffled.

Number eight was the winning ticket, but the owner of same was too shy to come forward and claim the reward.

Resolved to draw another ticket out of the hat (tough luck on me because I held numbers 6 and 7).

This time it was 46. The holder was none other than big, broad, burly Bill Cox, Ryder Cup ace hitter.

Bill didn't cash in on the lesson or ask for his money back. The auctioneer didn't press the point.

Exclusive

Later my sleuths ran down the mystery holder of ticket No. 8. It was another international—Enid Wilson.

Enid plays for us at Fulwell, August 17. Bill Cox at Pinner next day.

We shall take it as a sign neither feel they need any golf instruction to be at their best for the Fund.

Or is it they feared Henry would do to their swing what he did to mine, which was bad before he made me stop bouncing the club off my head and has been worse since?

My Offer To "The Boys"

Can you believe there breathe souls so dead that there was actually wallet-snatching among the big galleries crowding round the greens during the four-ball match?

This might have ruined the Cotton auction, but didn't. Henry, silk-tongued, wise-cracking, plus eight auctioneer, still managed to extract over £50 from what "the boys" had left in Roehampton pockets.

Here's my offer. If the gentlemen with the straying fingers have any spark of sportsmanship in their makeup and will return their plunder to me, I can promise the owners will delegate half the re-

Strong Man Stuff

Henry showed what manner of man he is by

(1) Holding with superb assurance a six-footer on the silver-splasher 13th green after the other three had missed.

The money was there for the Fund: conditional on one of the four putts being sunk, and, as Cotton said while he was taking his line, "We can't give all this money back."

(2) By holding aloft for 15 minutes a heavily-framed picture everybody kept buying and giving back because it was too heavy to carry home unless you had a R.A.S.C. lorry in the car park.

And there was a time when we used to doubt Henry's stamina. Just shows you what marriage can do for a chap.

Brilliant Butler

It was also a busy day for the War Fund in other sport circles. In addition to the big golf, leading tennis stars got together at Harrogate, while Romford Stadium staged a "big" greyhound meeting.

Davis Cup star Donald Butler was in brilliant form at Harrogate, where he had made an all-night journey from the South Coast in order to make one last appearance for the Fund before joining the Navy. With E. R. Avory, he beat H. Billington and N. Sharpe 6-3, 6-2.

Miss Jean Nicoll played in no fewer than four matches, two of which she won. In her singles with Peggy Scriven, honours were even 6-2, 2-6.

Romford's effort was the first dog race in aid of the Fund. Romford's Harry was the winner.

Owner Arthur Whitehelo offered a trophy for competition, and will repeat the gesture if the idea put up by Romford director, Michael Pohl, bears fruit.

Hau Ching-To And Cheung Kam-Hoi For Sing Tao

Tug-Of-War Between Chinese Clubs

By "Referee"

The startling news carried by the Chinese Press this morning that Hau Ching-to and Cheung Kam-hoi, Eastern's principal scoring men, have signed up for Sing Tao has surprised the Chinese football public.

Many would ridicule the idea of Hau Ching-to ever playing for a team other than Eastern, and even now, in spite of this announcement, there are many who still do not believe this.

Hau Ching-to was always considered a 100 per cent. Eastern player. He could have played for South China in the days when he was one of the best Chinese left-wingers in the Colony and Eastern just an ordinary First Division side, but he stuck to Eastern in their lean days and last year proved his real worth by scoring more goals in League games than even Lee Wai-tong.

Many will still remember his goal in the closing minutes of the Senior Shield Final which gave Eastern the Shield.

Chang Kam-hoi, hero of the Shanghai Chinese element in the Colony, was Eastern's main goal-scorer last season and has improved in every game since. On tour he was top-scorer, and he is now considered one of the best inside-rights in the Colony.

With almost all the South China League championship team, and with the addition of these Eastern players, Sing Tao are now hot favourites for the League title and competition trophies.

Three Uncertainties

At present there is a tug-of-war going on between the Chinese clubs. Lau Hin-hon, formerly of Eastern but now registered for Kwong Wah, is seeking a transfer to his old club.

Tsang Chung-wan and Chan Tak-fai have both signed up for Sing Tao, but now wish to play for South China.

The clubs concerned, however, are not willing to release the players.

The loss of these players at the eleventh hour has placed Eastern in a very poor position, as the vacancies caused will be hard to fill and they have no junior players capable of filling these positions.

Eastern Postponement Application

Eastern may apply for the postponement of their First Division football game against Sing Tao on Sunday. Reasons for the application are not yet known.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following lawn bowls teams have been selected for League matches on Saturday:—

H.K.F.C.

First Division (v K.B.G.C., home)—A. Watson, A. W. Hodges, W. Gill and G. Duncan (skip); A. B. Didsbury, J. H. Gelling, L. E. Lammert and K. S. Robertson (skip); A. Brooksbank, C. F. Needham, H. G. Wallington and N. J. Bebbington (skip).

I.R.C.

Third Division (v P.O.C., home)—A. S. Sufiad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar (skip); K. M. Rumjahn, M. P. Madar, A. G. Sufiad and A. Bakar (skip); S. M. Sadick, M. Hassan, U. A. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn (skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v K.B.G.C. Away)—C. E. Gahagan, V. Sorby, S. Deacon and J. K. Sloan (Skip); A. F. Paul, R. C. Butler, G. T. Padgett and G. G. S. Thomson (Skip); A. N. Other, R. A. Owens, W. H. B. Muskett and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

First Division (v H.K.F.C., away)—R. P. Phillips, H. White, L. Guy and A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Deacon, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer and G. H. Sheriff (skip); A. Morton, E. Lovett, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.E.R.C., home)—E. Seard, H. Patrick, S. C. Walker and K. C. Hamilton (skip); H. Black, L. A. Jordan, C. E. Landley and P. A. Peckham (skip); G. W. Elphick, W. H. Organ, G. S. Hammond and J. B. Dinnen (skip).

EASTERN WITHDRAWS JUNIOR TEAM

It is learned that Eastern are withdrawing from Second Division of the Football League owing to scarcity of players and are writing to Hong Kong Football Association to-day to this effect.

Eastern met with another blow this morning, when Chung Yung-sun, their rightwinger, gave indication that he will be joining Sing Tao. He has removed all his belongings from the Club's house at the Valley.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Royal Navy will meet Sing Tao in a friendly football match to-day on the Causeway Bay ground at 5 p.m.

SOCCER TEAMS

30TH R.A.

Second Division (v Engineers, Military ground)—Woodfin, Hole and Todd; Tuckley, Guy and Gullie; Round, Marshall, Webber, Flanders and Ward. Reserve:—Casey.

POLICE

First Team (v Navy, Boundary Street)—Taylor; Blackburn and Parker; Pope, Gough and North; Wong Man-lai, Howlett, Gordan, Ferrier and Moss.

Second Team (v Ordnance, Boundary Street)—Todd; Mai Suk-ki and Hon Kwong-yue; A. N. Other, Hogarth and Man Fan-hon; Wong Man-chi, Morrison, Fan Kwai-chi, Coull and Fife.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

The Open Singles game between A. J. Hall and R. O. Hughes will be played at the Club de Recreio to-day.

HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches at King's Park this week:

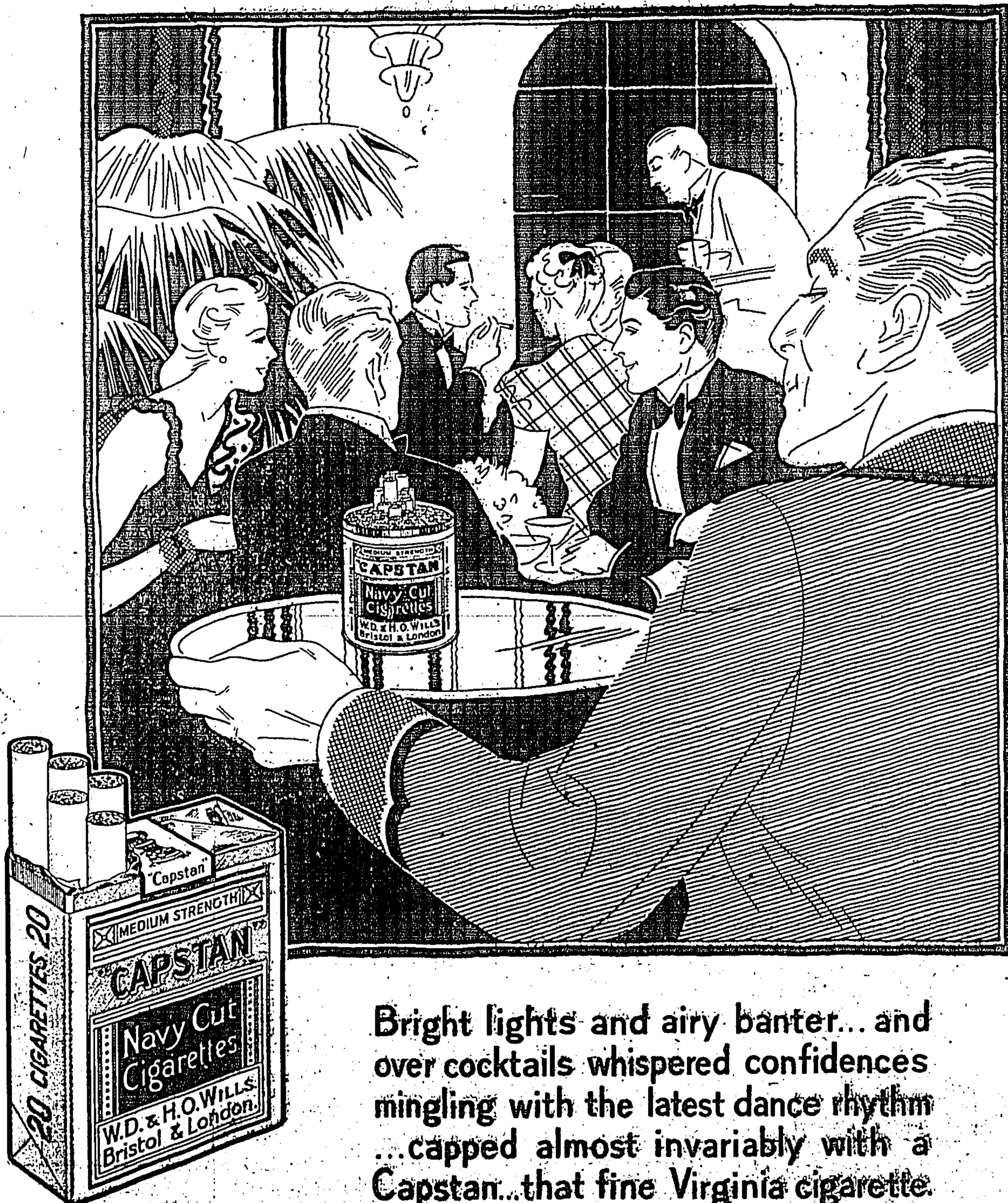
TO-DAY

Y.M.C.A. "A" v Combined Hospitals:—Colledge, Killeen and Saxby; Coombe, Pennington and Waldron; Highlands, Grant, Ure, Dunne and Banks. (5 p.m.).

SATURDAY

Y.M.C.A. 1st XI v Royal Scots:—Benwell, Gilchrist and Saxby; Coombe, Pennington and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Ure, Dunne and Bates. (4.15 p.m.).

Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI v St. Andrew's:—Fishlock, Killeen and Jeffrey; Croft, Gorman and Grant; Banks, Smith, Highlands, Ireson and Bevan. (3 p.m.).



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HUNS EXPERIMENT TO TRY AND OUTWIT THE R.A.F.

GERMAN RAIDERS FLOCKED OVER SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND ALL DAY YESTERDAY, SAYS REUTER'S AIR CORRESPONDENT, TRYING ALL THE KNOWN AIR LANES TO THE CAPITAL AND OTHERS AS WELL.

Flying at a great height, the frozen trails of their exhaust gases weaved a pattern in the blue sky, but despite the frequency of London's air raid alarms, no serious attack developed on the capital or on any other objectives.

Some bombs were dropped in the Thames Estuary and Kent but only trivial damage was done.

The formations varied in size but rarely exceeded fifty.

There were more fighters than bombers in the groups, conforming to the enemy's desire to "wear down" the resistance of the R.A.F.

Like on Tuesday, no major battle was fought, but the enemy suffered more severely.

Following on the record ten-hour night raid, the seven day-light alarms in London seemed to suggest that the enemy was building up to a maximum "all round the clock" effort against the metropolis. The absence of any attempt to repeat Sunday's serious thrust against London suggests that more experimenting is being done by the enemy to find an answer to the costliness of mass day raiding.

Goering's Confusion

More than once yesterday enemy formations got so far and then went no farther, but dispersed and went home.

At times, the whole south-east area was completely clear of enemy aircraft.

Goering's present confusion as to the best way of raiding Britain by day is clear from a study of his tactics since Sunday, but he may be expected to tackle the problem with customary German thoroughness.

Meanwhile, he will endeavour to do by night what he has hitherto failed to do by day, namely, engage in the destruction of London and other large cities with

CHINESE DRIVE NEAR NANKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports received in Chungking from the Kiangsu-Anhui border claim that Chinese forces are surrounding the Nanking region and that a large force of Japanese troops is now trying to "remove this threat to the seat of the Wang Ching-wei regime."

The "expeditionary force," as these Chinese troops are called in Chungking, are commanded by Wen Yuan-tao.

Fighting has broken out at Tienchang and Laian, in central Anhwei. — Havas.

AFRICAN PIONEER PASSES

The man who planted the first coffee in East Africa died in Nairobi yesterday.

He was John Patterson, pioneer and missionary, who brought the coffee seed from Aden 45 years ago. — Reuter.

greater intensity as the chances of invasion fade before the brilliant work of the R.A.F. and the slow march of time. — Reuter.

YUNNAN PREPARES FOR EMERGENCIES

THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES have taken over control of the French railway from the Indo-China border to Kunming and French officials of the line and their families were evacuated yesterday, according to reports received this morning.

Several towns along the line in Yunnan have been evacuated and converted into military bases while miles of track have been torn up by Chinese sappers.

The situation in Indo-China remains obscure with the French authorities continuing "plans for defence" and the Japanese preparing for general evacuation.

All Japanese nationals have been instructed to keep themselves in readiness for evacuation at any moment.

Meanwhile, many Japanese "commercial agents," "tourists," and "technicians" are reported to be filtering into Indo-China.

There has been some activity by Japanese forces near the Kwangsi-Indo-China border. The Japanese have been massing war supplies and concentrating a considerable large number of troops in the area. — Our Own Correspondent.

MAY NOT BE SENT FOR TRIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Edouard Daladier, ex-French Premier, and General Gamelin, will be formally indicted by the Riom Supreme Court following a petition to be made by the Prosecutor-General.

They have not yet been indicted and should their counsel successfully meet the prosecutor's argument they may escape trial for "responsibility for the war." — Havas.

SHANGHAI UNDER CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

No untoward incident was reported in Shanghai yesterday on the anniversary of the Mukden Incident. The strictest precautions were taken; all vehicles were subjected to close examination and barbed wire barricades effectively closed up several thoroughfares. — Havas.

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Women are now included in some sections of the Upper Thames Patrol—the Home Guard's "Navy". Their duties include secretarial work ashore and many of them drive a motor launch on the day patrols, accompanied by two male members of the patrol. They wear an armband, but carry no arms. (Copy-right, Fox).

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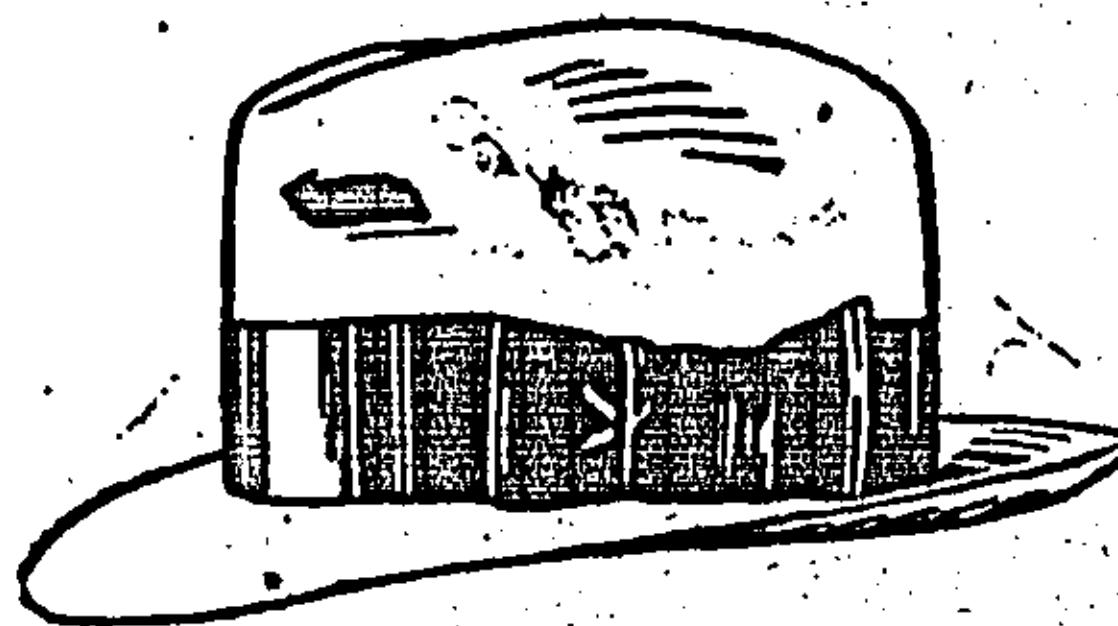
Rumours, for which there is no official confirmation, stated this afternoon that the Franco-Japanese negotiations over Indo-China have been broken off. Chinese quarters, it is reported, expect imminent developments.

It is also reported that Chinese artillery were carrying out practice shoots throughout yesterday and the aerodrome at Yunnanfu where 100 planes have arrived, has been greatly expanded.

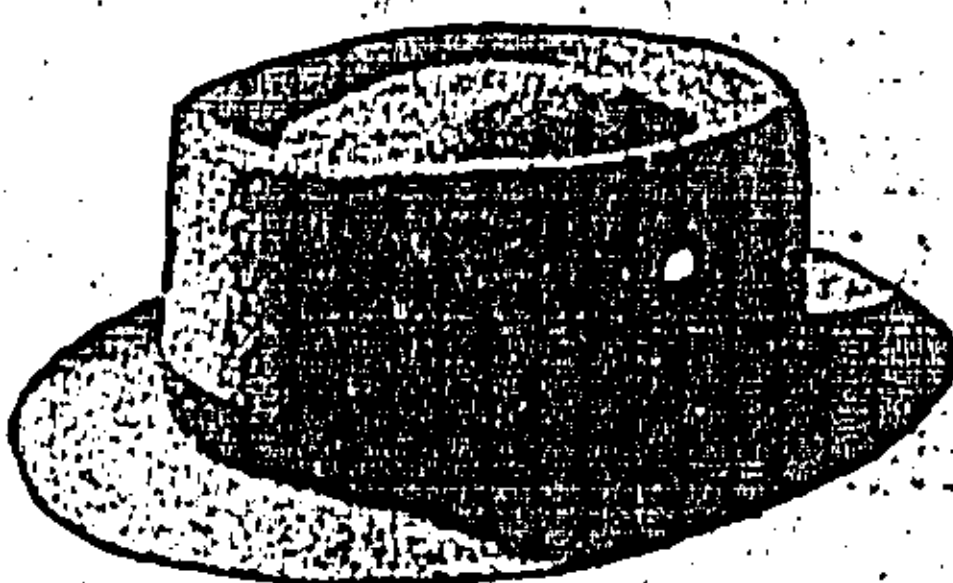


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CHOLERA EPIDEMIC

A further decrease in cholera in Kowloon, but strengthening of the epidemic on the island, are indicated in the health returns issued this afternoon. Some 31 cases were registered in the 24 hours ended at midnight, twenty from Kowloon, nine from Victoria and one each from the New Territories and the harbour. There were also 14 cases of typhoid, 13 of dysentery, 21 of tuberculosis, and one of diphtheria.

DEATH

STAFFORD SMITH:—On Thursday, September 19, 1940, at Shek-O, Lucy Kathleen, beloved wife of Featonby Stafford Smith. Funeral service at Colonial Cemetery Chapel at 5.30 p.m. to-day. No flowers. Shanghai papers please copy.

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